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### Arab League may decide fate of economic summit

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE fate of the Cairo regional economic summit scheduled for November may be determined at an Arab League meeting of foreign ministers in the Egyptian capital this Saturday, Israeli officials and

Western diplomats say.
Egypoan President Hosni
Mubarak has indicated that Cairo would cancel the conference unless the government advances the peace process with the Palestinians.

Arab officials say this means an IDF pullback in Hebron.

Sources say Mubarak recently told visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda ihat a decision on the fate of the summit would wait until the Arab League foreign ministers' meeting, but he was dissatisfied with the pace of the

In Jerusalem, Israeli officials expressed concern over Egypt addareduy tumu over its decision on whether to hold the summit to the Arab League.

This is a terrible idea as it gives countries like Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, and Libya a say in whether a conference - which they would not attend in any event - is held. Even if the Arab League does not make a decision on Saturday, indecision will be perceived as negative by businessmen abroad who need to make their plans for November," an Israeli official said.

The meeting of Arab League foreign ministers was scheduled in July, after Egypt convened the first Arab summit since 1990. Despite pressure from Syria to freeze normalization with Israel, the Arab leaders agreed to give the Netanyahu government a chance to move forward on the peace process.

If the conference is not held as planned, sources say, Egypt is weighing other possibilities, such as delaying it to the spring or downgrading its representation. The founding conference in Casablanca in 1994 and the one held a year later in Amman were attended by top-

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level officials. A report yesterday said Egypt may agree to a conference only attended by businessmen. But an Israeli official said, "A conference of just businessmen would not be great for some Arab countries where government dominates the decision-making on business

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office say that the fate of the Cairo economic summit came up during Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's meetings Washington on Monday. President Bill Clinton may phone Mubarak in advance of the Saturday Arab League meeting. Also, US State Department Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs Joan Spero is now in Cairo, as is Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF)

backer Klaus Schwab, in a bid to

persuade the Egyptians to hold the

Foreign Ministry Deputy Director-General for Economic Affairs Oded Eran said Egypt should hold the summit as a favor to itself, and not as a favor to Israel. When else is Egypt going to bring 1,000 CEOs of multinational companies and other companies to discuss investment? This is a golden

opportunity for Egypt," he said. If Egypt does completely cancel the November event, some have advocated holding the parley in Switzerland after the annual WEF conference there in January.





Palestinian merchants protesting the takeover by settlers of two allegedly Palestinian-owned stores argue with IDF soldiers who blocked their entry into Hehron's Jewish quarter yesterday. Story, Page 2

# Ramon slams Barak, calls him a 'political novice'

SUPPORTERS of MK Ehud Barak's hid for the Labor Party leadership gathered last night under the banner of "With Barak we'll win," while Barak's opponents were adjusting to the new situation and girding themselves for the impending showdown.

Barak invited all of Labor's elite, including

the 3,600 members of the central committee, to rally to his cause.

In the end, several hundred party activists turned out at the pro-Barak gathering in Tel Aviv's Beit Hahayal, It was there that Barak initially planned to announce his decisioo to seek the party leadership. But the news was quickly leaked from Barak's own circle, forcing him to call a news conference on Monday. But as Barak gathered his troops, opposing

forces in the party were preparing a counterstrike. Reports reached party insiders from the US, where Peres is curreotly visiting, to the effect that he is livid at what was termed Barak's backstabbing

**SARAH HONIG** 

attempt to extend his tenure as party chief, but Peres is now seen as likely to form an ad boc alliance with Barak's erstwhile foe, MK Haim

Ramon reacted to Barak's announcement for the first time yesterday, saying that "only a political novice and a rank amateur can so pompously declare that only he can save the party, and that he and he alone can beat Ribi.'

Ramon said that at this time he will oot announce if and when he will seek the party leadership. "This will be a decision I will make only after the party convendon in the spring. It will all depend on what sort of a party emerges from that convencion," he said.

Ramon will focus his struggle ahead of the convendon on a campaign to push for open primaries. Voting in such primaries is not limited to dues-paying party members. Ramon is certain this will safeguard him from the vindic-Barak may have effectively foiled any Peres tiveness of the party machine, which hlames

him for the Histadrut's disintegration and for the electoral loss to the Likud last May.

Ramon is considered to now be at his lowest political ehb, and thus from his point of view, the later the cootest for the party leadership the better. The consensus in Labor now is that Ramon is unlikely to opt for a fight if he fails to convince the party to switch to open primaries. His greatest hope is that the aggrieved. Peres will do all he can to thwart Barak.

MK Uzi Baram is expected to announce within the mooth whether he intends to vie for the party's No. 1 slot. One man who already tossed his hat in the Labor ring - MK Ephrain Such - yesterday accused Ramon and Barak of "tearing the party asunder. Their unbridled rivalry has already cost us dearly during the recent elections campaign, and no doubt contributed massively to our defeat. Now with ceremonious boastfulness Barak is pushing the party once more to personal rivalries instead of the occessary healing and rehabilitation after the bad beating we took."

### US special Middle East peace process coordinator Dennis Ross will likely visit the region next week to pursue resuming the negotiations, indicating progress talks, as we shall do." cial said Syria's official media, however, said that Netanyahu was making resumed.

**UK report stirs** 

controversy over

the resumption of peace negotiations impossible by ignoring the outcome of nearly five years of bilateral talks.

Netanyahu told New York busi-

ness leaders yesterday that he was

more optimistic about reaching an

accord with the Palestinians than

Syria essentially wants ... to

resume negotiations by saying to

us, 'We need to negotiate the

future of the Golan Heights, there-

fore, you [must] accept our demand to cede the Golan Heights," Netanyahu told a breakfast meeting of the Association for a Better New

"At a certain point we will dis-cover whether Syria is interested

in peace. I'm more sanguine about

the Palestinian plan ... both sides

have a vested interest," he added. Netanyahu's diplomatic adviser,

Dore Gold, had met with US offi-

cials in Washington in an attempt

to reach a formula for restarting

the Syrian talks.

achieving peace with Syria.

"Netanyahu struck a new nail in

Germany by disclosing that Switzerland turned over to Allied

powers only a small part of the

gold it acknowledged buying dur-

ing World War II.

The Foreign Office said in a

report that the sum of SF 250 mil-

lion (about \$60m.) paid in 1946 to

settle claims connected with Nazi

gold was little more than a tenth of the gold thought to be in Swiss

bank vaults at the end of the war.

The ministry, citing a published

US government account, said the

director of the Swiss National

Bank had let slip during post-war negotiations with the Allies that

Swiss banks held \$500m, when

the war ended - \$6.5 billion at

Foreign Secretary Malcolm

Rifkind ordered the report following pressure from MP Greville

Janner, a leading member of the

Jewish community, who has been

campaigning on behalf of poten-

"Rivers of gold flowed out of

Nazi Germany, and the banks of

that river are in Switzerland,"

He welcomed the report, which

was compiled from published

diplomatic documents and public

"Switzerland now has a moral

obligation to think again about

archives, and called

Switzerland to return the gold.

Janner told a news conference.

tial claimants of stolen gold.

today's prices.

PRIME Minister Binyamin the coffin of the peace process when he put more obstacles and impossible conditions which remove any possibility to resume the negotiations," the official daily

al-Baath said. "Netanyahu renewed his entity's obstinate and provocative stand toward peace by urging Syria to resume the talks without conditions and demanding Arabs to offer what he called tangible concessions," al-Baath said.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy, in Paris yesterday, rejected a Syrian proposal to renew talks with Israel on the basis of the understandings reached last December at Wye Plantation.

"We doo't know what was agreed there; there is no document and oo Israeli signature. So instead of playing hide and seek we should go directly toward peace," Levy said, after meeting with President Jacques Chirac. "Israel puts forward no conditions [for resuming the talks]. We accept that the Syrians will expose their posicions during the direct

Levy stressed that if the Syrians insisted on an Israeli declaration committing itself to start the talks where they left off or to accepting the principle of land for peace, theo the talks would oot be

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### Reserve commanders declare war on service evaders

Only 16.5% of potential reservist pool serves

RESERVE brigade and battalion commanders have set up a forum to combat the highly publicized drop in motivation to do reserve duty, and have declared war on those who evade it.

Some 100 reserve officers met last night to set up a body to consolidate their attack. Gathering at the Paratroopers House in Ramat Gan, the officers, mostly in their late 30's, raised ideas on how to tackle the growing trend.

The break is growing and in a few years, if this erosion continwe'll find ourselves alone," said Arie Neiger, a reserve paratrooper battalion commander who helped organize the meeting. 'Many people don't feel that service is important enough to sacrifice days to reserve duty. Each year thousands of people are getting out of the reservist pool and in simple math it means that in less than a generation, there won't be a reserve army."

Classified military data shown to the officers showed that each year more men were leaving the reserve force than entering it, mainly due

TEL AVIV District Court is to

today hand down its verdict

against Yigal Amir, his brother

Haggai, and Dror Adani, who are

charged with conspiring to murder

prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

plotting to harm Arabs, and pos-

session of explosives and

Assassin Yigal Amir is already

serving a life term plus six years

imprisonment for Rabin's murder

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to the tens of thousands who are evading service for what the officers consider illegitimate reasons. While the figures could not be published for security reasons, the statistics showed that the gap was about 15 percent.

Among the reserve officers, the term "evasion" was muttered like a curse word. "Let's call the child by its name.

It is not motivation or lack of it. It is evasion," Neiger said. Another officer showed how the burden of reserve duty actually falls on just 16.5% of the potential reservist pool. Equating it to a

soccer team, he said it was like 2.5 people playing out of a team of 11. Some called for a "war" on those avoiding duty. Others raised the idea of suspending the driver's license of those caught evading service for illegitimate reasons. There was also talk of publicizing the names of employers who made things difficult for workers who

However, the officers seemed to

and the wounding of his body-

His brother Haggai has admit-

ted possessing and manufacturing

the explosives found stashed in

his parents' Herzliya home, but he

has denied the conspiracy

Adami admitted illegally pos-

sessing an Uzi submachine gun,

but has also denied conspiracy

guard Yoram Rubin.

Verdict today

on conspiracy charges

in Rabin murder

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agree that the growing trend not only to try to avoid reserve duty, but the public legitimacy it

receives needs to be reversed. The strength of Israel is in its mighty army. This is oot a slo-gan," said Lt.-Col. (res.) Yehuda Brock. "It will take another generation at least for us to start thinking about doing away with reserve

Noah Faran, 38, from Kfar Azzar, said the forum was made up of people who held influential positions in civilian life, and hoped they could make an impact. He suggested increasing tax ben-

efits for those who do reserve Neiger said the forum would serve as an apolitical lobby.

One idea that grew out of a meeting last month between reserve officers and the General Staff was to publicly express recognition to reservists. Tomorrow, the IDF will for the first time issue "Outstanding Reservist" awards in an attempt to improve the country's view of reserve duty

Poll: 50% of reservists would opt out if they could

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HALF of Israeli men say they would not do reserve duty if they were not forced to do so, and four out of five believe the country is not doing enough to divide the burden fairly among reservists, according to a survey conducted by the IDF's behavioral science

Sixty-three percent of those polled believe the public actually encourages avoiding duty, and that there is no public support for those who do serve.

The poll did oot say how many reservists were questioned, nor did it give a margin of error. But the army has set up a desk to deal with the issue, to be headed by Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkanazy, deputy head of IDF operations. A poll conducted among IDF

reserve battalion commanders porting reservists enough.

blamed the difficulties in service on those who avoid duty. It also found that society was not sup-

### UN Assembly okays nuclear test ban treaty

United Nations General Assembly yesterday adopted and opened for signature a treaty that would ban

onclear explosions forever. But the large vote in favor of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was not sufficient to implement the pact, because India has vowed to block its ratification.

The vote on the resolution was an overwhelming 158 in favor, three against, and five abstentions. The resolution approves the treaty and asks that it be open for signature

as soon as possible. Its supporters

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) - The believe that those nations who sign will abide by the treaty's provisions anyway and that India over the next few years will change its mind.

But minutes before the vote, India's ambassador, Arundhati Ghose, said: "I would like to declare on the floor of this august assembly that India will never sign this unequal treaty, not now, nor later."

All five declared nuclear powers the US, Russia, France, Britain and China - support the document, but the treaty does not come into force until 44 states with a nuclear potential sign it. This includes India.

Nazi gold LONDON (Reuter) - Britain yesrestoring gold reserves, now worth terday revived speculation over the fate of gold looted by Nazi hillions, to the countries from

which they were seized," Janner He said the 1946 agreement, under which the Allies waived further claims against Switzerland, amounted to no more than a license to redistribute looted gold, much of it believed stolen from

But a Swiss official made it clear the matter was regarded as closed. "We don't know at this moment what amounts were involved, but the whole question was settled in

the treaty between the Allies and Switzerland," he told Reuters. The Foreign Office said Switzerland acknowledged buying \$415m. in German gold from 1939-45 and \$88m. traceable originally to Belgium, but refused to concede that this was the amount

they should turn over to the Allies. It said the US, Britain and

France had accepted the sum of \$60m. because they felt they had little alternative. "This sum, far less than the

\$130m. asked for by the Allied negotiators, was presented by the Swiss delegation as its final offer. The Swiss maintained consistently that Switzerland could not be held liable to restore the entire amount of looted gold transferred from Germany to Switzerland, some of which was transferred to third countries,'



# Hebron Arabs, settlers scuffle over two stores

A FEW dozen Arabs yesterday tried to force their way into two stores in Hebron which they elaim are rightfully theirs, but the army prevented them from entering and dispersed the demonstration.

According to the IDF Spokesman, the demonstrators left peacefully after the Civil Administration promised to meet with the alleged owners to discuss their claims. The stores, located near the entrance to the Avraham Avino Synagogue, were appropriated by the army for security reasons a few years back.

Palestinians said that they came to protest after settlers put up stickers on the shops claiming they owned them. About 20 Palestinians, urged on by a man who owned all four shops, were joined by mer-chants in the area. The soldiers sep-

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arated the merchants and the settlers and the incident ended, a Palestinian observer said.

The IDF appropriated the stores because they were close to the Avraham Avinn quarter, and Palestinian observers said settlers wanted them as offices because they were so close and unused.

A large sign over a building in the quarter claims that the whole casbah was built on stolen Jewish property after 67 Jews were massacred in Hebron and the remainder fled in 1929.

Jewish community in Hebron, flatly denied the Arabs' elaim that

Noam Arnon, spokesman for the

part of the property that belonged to the Jewish community in Hebron [before the 1929 massacre]," he said. The Arabs appropriated several

stores in the area after the Jews were driven out by the massacre, be continued, but the army then took them over for security reasons a few years back. Currently, some are being used by the army, while others stand empty.

The Arabs said their demonstration was in response to an attempt by Jewish settlers to break into the stores, but the army would not confirm this.

Amon said that Jews do go to these buildings periodically to do repair work, in order to prevent them from collapsing, as some are in very poor condition. However, they are the true owners.

"Everyone agrees that they are Jews were there yesterday. he said, as far as he knows, no

# Vilna'i says army has not changed tactics since elections

THERE have been been no changes in the way the army deals with terror since April, Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

Vilna'i's remarks were relayed to reporters in a joint briefing by MK Ori Orr (Labor) – who was assigned the job by committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) – and IDF Spokesman Oded Ben-Ami.

His statement regarding the army's anti-terror tactics was gleefully received by opposition MKs, who said it clearly refuted the Right's pre-election charge that the Labor government was tying the army's hands - unless Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has simply ignored his campaign promise to remove the alleged restraints on the army's actions. Rightwing MKs, however, contested this interpreta-

"The government doesn't dictate tactics." said Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet). "It gives a guiding principle: To fight terror... and [the army] does this in the best way it knows."

"The army fought terror then, and it is fight-ing terror now," he said. "[The Left] is simply making political use of this in order to attack Bibi [Netanyahu]."

A similar argument erupted over another

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statement of Vilna'i's, regarding the army's position on a redeployment from Hebron.

"We presented basically the same stand [to this government] as we presented in the past, with a few unimportant changes," he said, according to Ben-Ami.

Haim Ramon (Labor) said this proves that the previous government's redeployment plan did not endanger security - though Ben-Ami refused to say whether the Rabin-Peres plan acmally accorded with the army's proposals. Ze'evi, however, said that even if it did, the lack of change in the army's position proved nothing. The army would naturally give the same answer every time it is asked "what is the least dangerous way to withdraw from Hebron?" he said.

Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) said he was appalled that this is evidently still the question the army is being asked.

"I was shocked, because the NRP's demand is for a revolution in the army's position oo Hebron," he said. "I expect such a directive from the political level... and I was shocked that no such directive has been

Vilna'i also addressed a number of other issues at the meeting. On Lebanon, he stid the current period of quiet is mainly due to the Lebanese elections, and Hizbullah attacks can be expected to resume once the elections are

Regarding Iraq, Vilna'i said according to expert assessment, Saddam Hussein is winning. He did not discuss the possible effects of the traci situation on Israel, but did say that, according to the best information available, if Hussein has any weapons at all capable of endangering Israel, they are at a very low operational level.

In response to MKs who raised the issue of declining motivation in the army, Vilna'i said that in the regular army, motivation in combat units is as high as ever. Where the problem is showing up, he said, is in absenteeism from reserve duty and the increasing unwillingness of new recruits to join combat units.

Several of the MKs suggested increased financial compensation for combat soldiers doing reserve duty. Vilna'i said that regular soldiers in combat units do receive twice as much as those in non-combat units (NIS 540 a month compared to NIS 270), but the army does not like the idea of giving extra payments to the combat reserves.

# Netanyahu visits Lubavitcher rebbe's grave

MARILYN HENRY **NEW YORK** 

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu made a pilgrimage yesterday to a Queens cemetery to visit the grave of the Lubavitcher rebbe, whose followers produced one of the key - and controversial - slogans of Netanyahu's election

campaign.
After a five-minute visit to the grave of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, Netanyahu moved to a tent where he was eagerly welcomed by Lubavitch dignitaries.

There had been rumors that major Lubavitch figures would boycott the event because they objected to Netanyahu's meeting last week with Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat.

However, shortly before Netanyahu's arrival, Lobavitch leaders said that although they were dismayed by his meeting with Arafat, they were honored by the prime minister's visit to the grave and would not disrupt it.

"We are extremely disappointed, as are many within his party" with the Afafat meeting said Rabbi Joseph Spielman, head of the Jewish Community Council of Crown Heights, the Habad enclave in Brooklyn.

The reason why there was sup port [for Netanyahu] was not that he would proloog the [peace] process, but that he would stop the process. The fact that he'll give in in pieces instead of all at one shot makes no difference to us. You can underline our dismay," Spielman

At the cemetery, Netanyahu was



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu meets with President Bill Clinton in the Oval Office on Monday.

praised by mining magnate Joseph Gutnick, of Melbourne, Australia, who said that geoerations of Lubavitch rabbis had encouraged Jewish settlement in Hebron. Netanyahu, he said, "will not allow a repeat of the [Hebron]

In very brief remarks, Netanyahu spoke warmly of the late rebbe who "had absolute convictioo in the justice of our path." The government of Israel, he said, is also convinced of the jus-

tice of its path. "It is just that we safeguard our oldest community, in Hebron," the prime minister said. "It is just that Jews live and thrive in Judea."

Netanyahu had one more public appearance scheduled for late last American Jewish Organizations.

night, at the end of his two-day visit to the US. The prime minister was scheduled to share the dais with Vice President Al Gore at a fund-raising dinner for the Conference of Presidents of Major

### Report: Naturalized foreign citizens traveling can keep Jerusalem residency permits

JON IMMANUEL

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has reversed a government policy of forcing Jerusalem Arabs with acquired foreign passports to choose between their foreign citizenship or their Jerusalem residency permits, a Palestinian newspaper reported yesterday.

Palestinians with both documents say that in recent days they have not been asked to choose which document to keep when they go to the Interior Ministry offices to obtain a return visa before they travel abroad.

The Interior Ministry, however, said it has received no new guide-

lines on the matter. The Al-Quds daily said government sources maintained Netanyahu had quietly dropped the policy because it was unfair.
Under the policy applied by the

Interior Ministry, a naturalized American citizen who wanted to travel would essentially have no choice but to forgo his Jerusalem residency permit, because he might have no document other than a US passport on which to travel. Many Palestinians gave up their Jordanian citizenship on becoming US citizens. A Jerusalem residency permit is not a passport and a Jerusalem resident may not acquire a Palestinian passport.

Furthermore, the rule applies to someone born in Jerusalem but not someone who acquired foreign citizenship by birth and later acquired

a Jerusalem residency permit.
When Al-Quds raised this problem with Netanyahu during an interview last month he said he was unaware of it and would study

This regulation has always existed but its enforcement apparently ouly began recently, in what may have been an attempt to reduce the oumber of Arabs legally residing in Jerusalem. Jerusalem residents who have left the city for more than seven years are not included in the change of policy.

Palestinian sources said the matter was brought up during the Netanyahu meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, and the change in the policy was a quid pro quo for Arafat's agreeing to close Palestinian Authority offices in Jerusalem.

Interior Ministry spokesman Tova Ellinson denied the policy was unfair, maintaining it was consistent with the law that states: "If a noo-lew comes here and wants Israeli citizenship he must forgo his foreign citizenship." She : said many countries did not permit. dual citizenship.

The clear implication is that a non-Jewish Jerusalem resident must choose to become an Israeli wants to remain in Jerusalem and also travel abroad, thus strengthening Israel's demographic hold on Jerusalem.

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Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab, a naturalized US citizen, who was offered the choice when he left the country three weeks ago, called the policy "ethnic eleansing."

### Jordan to reconsider allowing Israelis to cross over via Allenby Bridge

possibility of allowing Israelis to cross into Jordan via the Allenby Bridge, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel Karim Kabariti told Tourism Minister Moshe Katsay. Katsav, who yesterday conclud-ed a two-day official visit to

Jordan, met with Kabariti and Crown Prince Hassan. Until now, Israelis and

Jordanians have had to cross the border either at the Sheikh Hussein Bridge near Beit She'an or at the Arava crossing near Eilat. Only Palestinians, foreign tourists and diplomats have been permitted to use the Allenby Bridge, the most direct route between Jerusalem and Amman.

The Jordanians have been wary of allowing other traffic on the

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JORDAN is to re-examine the Allenby Bridge, apparently for fear of alienating the Palestinians, who elaim that the bridge should be under their jurisdiction.

Following his meeting with Kabariti, Katsav told reporters that the Jordanian prime minister had said that virtually the only economie advances resulting from the peace treaty were in the realm of tourism. Katsav reported that Kabariti had said that the entire Arab world was watching and noting every difficulty.

Kabariti pressed for Israel to allow Royal Jordanian Airlines to fly more passengers between Ben-Gurion Airport and Amman. Until now, the Civil Aviation Authority has said that it would only review the issue after the flights by Royal Jordanian and El Al have been going on for six months.

It was agreed that both Katsav and Jordanian Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Salah Rusheidat would go to the annual convention of the American Society of Travel Agents, which is to be held in Bangkok next month.

The Jewish Agency for Israel The Communications Division

extends sincerest condolences to its acting director **Barbara Promislow** 

### on the passing of her dear mother **FAY FISHMAN**

in Winnipeg, Canada

and extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family.

### Three killed in road accidents

THE carnage on the roads continued unabated yesterday wben three people were killed in separate accidents

A driver was killed and his passenger seriously burt when their car overturned in the Galilee. Police said the accident happened shortly after midnight Monday on a road leading to Makr village east

The car, being driven by

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Hawash Mahadi. 22 of J'daideh village, apparently swerved off the road, overturned and crashed into

an open field. Police said Mahadi was killed

and the passenger in the car, also a resident of J'daideh, was seriously injured and was taken by ambulance to Nahariya hospital. A 35-year-old man from a vil-

lage near Nablus was run over yesterday by a motorcyclist while crossing Ramat Gan's Jabotinsky

The motorcyclist was slightly injured and taken to lehilov Hospital.

The driver of a car was killed yesterday afternoon when he hit an electricity cabinet on the side of

the road and his vehicle over-

turned several times.

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(Continued from Page 1) Levy, who also met vesterday with French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, did ask the French to pass a message to both the Syrians and the Lebanese. Levy did not reveal the contents of the message, but it seems it deals with the "Lebanon first"

According to Levy, the Syrians had misunderstood Israel's intentions with that proposal. "The Syrians thought that we were trying, with that idea, to avoid negotiations with them," Levy said, adding that the proposal had been meant as a confidence-building measure, as well as a way to secure Israel's northern border.

French officials met with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara last week. Asked whether Paris was offering to mediate between Israel and Syria, Foreign Ministry spokesman Jacques Rummelhardt said: "France is listening to all sides. It is always ready to help." French officials believe the

"Lebanon first" idea will not get anywhere. They do not, however, see any risk of an Israeli-Syrian military confrontation, even if peace talks are not resumed soon. Netanyahu, after meeting with President Bill Clinton on Monday evening, told Israeli reporters that resuming the talks depends on Syria's understanding that his government has adopted an approach to the negotiations that

is different from its predecessor's. "From our perspective, we are ready to resume talks yesterday, as I told President Clinton. Syria is not exhibiting the same readiness that we'd like. But I'm prepared to be surprised," Netanyaho

said. "Is Syria interested in resuming the diplomatic process with Israel or is it presenting us with ultimatums, like oo the future of the Golan, that it knows from the start we won't commit

Ross told reporters following the White House meeting that Netanyahu exhibited "real fervor" wanting to see talks resume, and said the US is "working also with the Syrians to see if we can come up with a basis on which to

The administration, following the Clinton-Netanyahu meeting, better understands Israel's need to ensure security for Hebron's Jewish residents before an IDF redeployment, an Israeli official said. But he stopped short of sug-gesting the US supports Jerusalem's view on the matter.

Ross also said he was encouraged by Monday's first meeting of the Israeli-Palestinian steering committee, and the formation of other subcommittees to discuss Hebron, security and easing the closure since Netanyahu met with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat last week.

"We've begun to see the development of the kinds of channels of communication and development of a working relationship that makes it possible to over-come differences." Ross said. "It's a combination of the for-

mal mechanisms and their own channels of communication, that have clearly progressed over the last couple of weeks, that I think gives us some hope that, in fact, they will find ways to move forward, and we will help them."

### IDF to open second crossing from Gaza strip

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IN an effort to ease restrictions on Palestinian laborers, the IDF announced that it will open the Sufa crossing in the southern Gaza Strip to Palestinians who work in the Negev.

The army is to start operating the crossing tomorrow. The army said the same restrictions are to apply as at the Erez crossing: Only married Palestinians over the age of 29 who have valid work permits would be allowed to enter, and then only after strict security

checks. Crossing will be permitted

only on foot.

### Police, Border Police arrest 253 residents of territories in Israel illegally

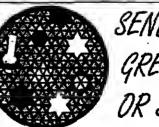
Police arrested 253 residents of the territories staying in Israel illegally during raids on several places in Nazareth early yesterday Scores of police, border police-

men, and detectives from the Ha'amakim district took part in the widescale operation. All those arrested are expected to be sent back to the territories.

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Some 24,400 pupils attend pub-

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The Jerusalem Post Wednesday, September 11, 1996 election

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ituralized for AVEING Can Latiana Zelenskaya (right) is bonored as a Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem Chairman Avner Shalev in a ceremony in Jerusalem yesterday. "With my own eyes, I saw how Jews were murdered by the Nazis and so I decided I would save at least one Jew," said Zelenskaya, 76, from the Crimean peninsula, who adopted Luba Gudaiev (center), then a four-year-old Jewish girl. The Delitwo women recently came together to live in Israel.

[Text Bassheva Tsur Photo: Isaac Hanni)

Golan

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- A DIRECTOR of the Golan

Development Corporation has been

ing fraud investigation of the

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Owners of the Mai Golan and the

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THE entire 600-member Acre

Municipality workforce walked

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"From our point of view, we

have done everything required of

chairman Yossi Adar.

Masad corporations allegedly made

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noted that the total workpast two years and reduced to its wesent level of 600 employees.

Shmuel Katz said there had been some delays in transferring

NEARLY two years after the Jerusalem municipality launched its much-heralded plan to build 180 new classrooms in eastern

Jerusalem, about a dozeo have been built, and only a handful more are slated to be huilt next

Arab schools, meanwhile, are

fast becoming more crowded, and

the municipality had to turn away

pupils this year because of the lack

of classrooms, telling parents to

keep their childreo in private

schools, according to municipal

A senior municipal official

described the city's implementa-

tion of the plan as a "complete

In amouncing the plan, Mayor Ehud Olmert originally stated that starting in 1995, some 60 class-

rooms would be built annually.

classrooms," as proof he is com-

mitted to improving conditions in

Just last week, during a visit to

eastern Jerusalem schools to mark

the start of the school year, Olmert

again spoke of the importance of

the plan to build 180 classrooms,

but failed to mention that few of

the classrooms had been built or

An official statement released

by the municipality during the

eastern Jerusalem.

would be huilt soon.

Acre Municipality

workers strike

Protest non-payment of August wages

year, the final year of the plan.

salaries to the accounts of all the "We are now in the process of August salaries.
"The situation is even worse putting all the money into the accounts of all the workers and I hope that this will be finalized and now find themselves without the strike will be over within a

matter of hours," said Katz. He stressed that the municipality had complied with all the demands of the Interior Ministry to cut overheads and increase income from the collection of

local taxes (arnona). "The problem is the NIS 40 million deficit that has accumulated over the years and unless this is consolidated or resolved as the ministry has promised we will continue to have serious liquidity problems," Katz added.

### holding up construction. Solomon the three-year program began in stood hy the official figures released last week, saying that 40 classrooms were being built or had 1995, there was a need for about 350 new classrooms, hut today there is need for over 400. Court rejects malpractice

will not be completed until 1998 at left in their yards to put in addi-

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suit against Meir Hospital

THE Jerusalem District Court has rejected a NIS 11.5 million malpractice suit against Kfar Sava's Meir Hospital filed in the name of

J'lm falls short in plan for

building classrooms for Arabs

visit last week said "40 classrooms

will be finished the end of this

According to a municipal report obtained by The Jerusalem Post,

only 10 new classrooms were

completed under the plan - at

schools in the Shuafat and Beit

Hanina neighborhoods. Work has

begun on another 18 classrooms,

while plans for an additional 24

were being prepared so that bids

from contractors could be solicit-

Education Ministry deputy

director general Shneor Simha

confirmed that the ministry,

together with the Treasury, approved funding for 180 class-

rooms in eastern Jetusalem, that

were supposed to be completed by

Olmert has repeatedly spoken of the municipality now, however. Jenusalem are already very crowd-the three-year plan to build 180 believes that the 180 classrooms ed. Most don't even have space

until 1999, said Nissim Solomon,

head of the Jerusalem Education

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Authority.

a mentally retarded child. Kupat Holim Clalit, which owns Meir Hospital and voiced its satisfaction with the ruling, yesterday said the court last week rejected the parents' claims that the child suffered from cerebral palsy resulting from fetal distress during hirth. The court stated that his mental retarda-

related to his delivery.

According to Judge Dr. A. Z. Ben-Zimra, the delivery was "not traumatic." During the hearing, the court proposed a compromise by which Clalit, without accepting any responsibility for the disability, would pay NIS Im. However, the health fund's legal advisers rejected this, arguing that Meir doctors had done nothing wrong.

In the end, the plaintiffs were required to cover Clalit's NIS 10,000 in legal fees. tion was due to other factors not

### Pre-holiday mail volume up

DESPITE the popularity of faxes. e-mail, Internet and answering machines, Israelis are sending more mail during this pre-holiday period than last year, the Postal Authority said yesterday.

Some four million pieces of mail are being sent each day, compared to 3.5m. last September. During

ordinary, non-holiday periods, an average of 1.8m. pieces of mail are sent daily.

The Postal Authority's new director-general, Moshe Teri, learned this from authority chairman Amos Mar-Haim during a tour yesterday of the central sort-ing center in Tel Aviv. Judy Siegel

# Aviv Gefen blasted for advising fans to leave Israel

AVIV Gefen, considered by many to be Israel's leading pop star and well known for his unorthodox views, dropped another bombshell yesterday wheo he advised his

fans to leave the country.
"I recommend to the youth to leave the country. There is no democracy here. I am one of the only people who speaks out. That's my job," Gefen said in an interview, excerpts of which were published yesterday in Ma'ariv.

The full interview was given to the paper's youth magazine. Ma'ariv Le'noar, after its readers chose Gefen as "Personality of the Year" in a poll.

"It's time to pack bags and escape from Israel. I am being serious," Gefeo added. "I am ashamed of this government and the prime minister and I am ashamed that an empty-headed and deficient person like [Binyamin] Netanyahu is my representative."

Gefen, who had held a public reconciliation with Yitzhak Rabin minutes before the late premier was slain during the peace rally in Tel Aviv last November, said that he was "afraid they would rub off the messages of mourning" left oo the walls of what is now known as Rabin Square. Earlier, Gefen had made headlines for publicly attacking Rabin.

To me, it is more important

that the [graffiti] remain than that the Western Wall remain," he was quoted as saying. "That is a living human cry on those walls. The dream of peace has heen destroyed."

Asked about his feelings towards Judaism, Gefen replied: "I value Judaism but a Pink Floyd record turns me on more than the Western Wall. I believe we have created God. I am God, you are God, John Lennon is God. People make money out of God instead of

Defending the magazine's decision to print the interview, Ma'ariv Le'noar editor Avi Morgenstern said: "We absolutely dissociate ourselves from Gefen's views... but it was most important that the youth know what their idol thinks. We are totally opposed to his views and I wrote an editorial expressing this."

But the angry condemnations were swift to follow.

Morgenstern confirmed, in an Israel Radio interview, that there were parents who had cancelled their children's subscriptions to the magazine following yesterday's publication. He said that "thousands" of angry telephone calls had been received by the

Deputy Education Minister

Moshe Peled called on the media not to provide someone with such views with a platform to reach the public. "It is incooceivable," Peled said, "that in a year when we are celebrating 100 years of Zionism, a Jew should call on the youth to leave Israel.

"I call on the youth to boycott Gefen," he added.

"I have always believed that people who do not like Israel should just quietly leave. We can do without them," former educa-tioo minister MK Amnon Rubinstein said.

He cautioned that Gefen might simply be seeking publicity. "We should not get over-excited about every stupid remark by one singer or another ... because surveys car-ried out when I was minister showed that Israeli youth are very patriotic: The motivation to remain in this country and even to fight [in combat units] is higher than ever before," Ruhinstein said.

In a phone-in survey conducted on Educational TV's Erev Hadash program yesterday, 70% of respondents said that they believed that the mood of the general public was not expressed by Gefen" while 30% said Gefen had hit the nail on the head. The program said that thousands of calls had been received but did not give an exact number of partici-

### Ministry accused of failing to meet Triangle youngsters' special education needs

THE Education Ministry is refusing to provide special education for 11 Arab youngsters with serious hearing and/or vision impairments, the families' attorney charged in a letter to the Justice Ministry yesterday.

Attorney Hassau Jabareen, who recently left the Association for Civil Rights in Israel to set up a new organization focusing on civil rights the Justice Ministry to order it to resources any further. change its policy. Otherwise, he said, be will petition the High Court

**EVELYN GORDON** 

The children, residents of the Triangle aged 6-7, were all referred to the Arab sector's one special education school, in Nazareth, by the Educatioo Ministry's local placement committees. The school said it was willing in principle to take them, but could not do so without additional staff. It is in the Arab sector, charged in the let- already teaching some 120 children child needs special education, and ter that the Education Ministry's - when it should only be teaching 80, to assign him to a particular refusal violates the law, and asked the school said; it cannot stretch its

When the ministry was informed of this, however, its response was that any children

who would not normally be in the northern school district should simply be put into ordinary schools, and in this way, the number of children in the special education school would be reduced, Japareen said.

Jabareen argued that this response was illegal, as by law, the placement committees have sole authority to decide that a school. The ministry has no right! to ignore the committees' recommendations, Jabareen said.

The Education Ministry did not respond to a request for comment.

### Tichon plans panel to re-examine parliamentary immunity

**EVELYN GORDON** 

KNESSET Speaker Dan Tichon (Likud) intends to set up a committee to reexamine the entire principle of parliamentary immunity, he announced in a speech to the Jerusalem branch of the Israel Bar Association last night.

To say the least, this law is outdated, and does not reflect the reality and the dynamic in which we live," he said. "There is good reason for the public debate over what the extent of an MK's immunity should be." The law has already been amended 20 times since it was passed - includ-

ing five amendments just in the past year- and these changes were not merely cosmetic, he said. They reflected "a desire to change the basic behavioral norms of the MKs and of the Knesset itself." Despite this, however, there is room for a fundamental re-examination of

the entire law, and he intends to set up a committee to conduct such a review. Tichon said. "The Knesset is not a sanctuary [for criminals]," he stressed. Tichon also reiterated his denunciation of the recent attacks on Supreme Court President Aharon Barak in the haredi press, stressing the importance of the High Court of Justice and the need to avoid "verbal violence."

However, he indicated that he sided with those who feel the court has been infringing too much on the Knesset's prerogatives in recent years.

"Perhaps it is desirable to remember once again that the Knesset is the head of the various branches of state, as it expresses the desires of its citizens and reflects their free will," he said, citing a High Court ruling on the subject to back his statement. The Knesset is not exempt from criticism, both public and judicial. It is subject to the constant scrutiny of the MKs themselves, of the press, and at times - and there are those who think too frequently - of the

Solar energy plant protects Negev pipeline

**DAVID RUDGE** 

MEKOROT has established a solar energy plant in the Negev to produce electricity used in a process to help protect a water pipeline running between Shifta and Ketziot.

The project has already saved Mekorot money. Mekorot officials said it would have cost around NIS 500,000 for connection to the national grid and the construction of a sub-station at the

In comparison, the solar energy plant, which is requires little maintenance and produces free electricity, cost around NIS 250,000 to build - half the price of

connection to the national grid. The officials said the electricity is used in a cathodic process which helps prevents corrosion of water pipelines and any bursts.

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# Saddam offers amnesty in bid to keep Kurds at home

TENS of thousands of Kurds fled into the rugged mountains bordering Iran, but when word spread that Saddam Hussein's troops had not entered this city, some reversed their flight and returned home yesterday.

Up to 300,000 Kurds may have left after a

Kurdish faction backed by Saddam captured the northeastern city Monday night. UN officials said. But Sulaymaniyah was peaceful yesterday, encouraging refugees to trek back home on trucks, in taxis and on foot.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party celebrated its sweeping victory in northern Iraq with a parade in the streets Tuesday, but Iraqi troops were nowhere in sight.

KDP fighters carrying AK-47 rifles rode through the streets on the back of pickup trucks

decorated with yellow flags and streamers.

Saddam, meanwhile, sought to keep the refugees at home, declaring a general amnesty for all Kurds and lifting barriers between Iraq and the semi-autonomous Kurdish areas that have been in place since the end of the 1991

The full ramifications of the announcement were not immediately clear. But the Kurdish "safe haven," established by the US-led forces

**BRIAN MURPHY** SULAYMANIYAH, Iraq

five years ago, has effectively collapsed, and Saddam was wasting no time in reasserting his authority over the north.

About 30 kilometers cortheast of Sulaymaniyah, KDP fighters looted everything they could carry from the headquarters of the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

Soldiers and villagers towed away air condi-tioners, wire, pipes and even light bulbs. One old man stumbled away with three fluorescent light tubes, a large ceramic urn and a toilet seat. In Sulaymaniyah, a few top members of the PUK chose to remain.

"I don't think we're in any danger, only Talabani and about 10 other important PUK members are the ones whose lives are at risk," said Majid Haji Ahmed, a senior member of the PUK council in Sulaymaniyah. "It's better than being a refugee.

But many Kurds showed little faith in Saddam after so many barsh crackdowns directed at them in the past.

In neighboring Iran, meanwhile, the govern-

ment said 200,000 refugees were massed at its border and it gave conflicting signals about whether they would be allowed in.

Ahmad Hosseini, an Interior Ministry official in Tehran, told a news conference that the refugees would be kept out "unless their lives are threatened by gunfire or attacks."

But Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammed Mohammedi said Iran was "ready to accept the refugees."

Some 2,000 Iraqi Kurdish refugees, traveling on foot and crammed onto vehicles, crossed in Iran on Monday, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

In Baghdad, Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf announced the amnesty on

state television, saying the only people exclud-ed where those who committed murder, rape or stole state property.

The statement did not give details on the new

rules that would apply to the northern Kurdish

But it was interpreted to mean that Iraq will oo longer regard the north as a separate region, and people will be able to travel and trade freely without obtaining any special docu-

# Yeltsin hands powers to Chernomyrdin, but keeps nuclear trigger

RUSSIAN President Boris Yeltsin, preparing for heart bypass surgery, has handed his prime minister partial control of several top ministries but kept the miclear "red button," the Kremlin said

Yeltsin's order appeared designed partly to curb the ambitions of Alexander Lebed, his national security adviser, who had sooght overall charge of key power ministries."

Presidential press secretary Sergei Yastrzhembsky said defense, interior and other ministers who usually report directly to the president would coordinate their activities with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin while Yeltsin is on boliday.

He told Russian oews agencies that Chemomyrdin would be able, if necessary, to summon the newly

**ANATOLY VERBIN** MOSCOW

formed Defense Council which comprises top ministers and security supremo Lebed.

Yeltsin, 65, amounced in a television interview last week that he would undergo heart surgery at the end of the month: Speculation was rife on whether

he would pass authority to Chemomyrdin, his constitutional Yeltsin has officially been on

holiday since August 26 and the Kremlin has not announced when his vacation will end. "President Boris Yeltsin, for the

duration of his holiday, has ordered the heads of the power ministries to coordinate with Minister . ' Viktor Chemomyrdin all questions that

require a decision by the head of state," Itar-Tass news agency quoted Yastrzhembsky as saying.
They should also keep Yeltsin regularly informed on the matters in their ministries, Yastrzhembsky

Interfax news agency quoted him as saying the ouclear "red button" would stay under the control of the Russian leader. It could be activated only by a joint action of the president, the defense minister

and the chief-of-staff of the army. Last year, when Yeltsin was in the hospital after a heart attack, Chemomyrdin said he was in control of the power ministries but was later forced to tone down his remarks.

This time he appeared to be taking no chances, playing down his extra responsibilities in comments

### Lebanese PM assured of majority in parliament

BEIRUT - Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and his allies were assured a majority in the new Parliament as official results came in from elections

Hariri and his partners will now have at least 68 seats in the 128 seat

legislature, according to results amounced late Monday.

Sunday's election in the south was the fourth stage of the five-phase balloting to choose the half-Christian, half-Moslem parliament. The last round, in eastern Lebanon, is slated for Sunday.

Like the outgoing legislature, the new Parliament is dominated by pro-Syrian lawmakers. Syria, which maintains 40,000 troops in Lebanon, is

the main power broker in the country.

Elected in Sunday's vote were all 21 members of the joint ticket agreed to by the two main Shi'ite Moslem factions, Arnal, a Syrianbacked moderate group, and Hizbullah.

### Number of people in Japan over 100 tops 7,000

TOKYO (AP) - Japan, which cent are women, it said. leads the world in life expectancy, now has more than 7,000 centenarians, the government said yes-

There will be 7,373 Japanese 100 years or older at the end of September, up 955 people than a year earlier, the Health and Welfare Ministry said. Of those who have lived a century, 80 per-

A list of the centenarians living in Japan was announced by the ministry prior to Respect for the Aged Day, a national boliday in Japan, which falls on September

Japanese have the world's longest life expectancy - 83 years for women and 77 years for men, according to the ministry.



Ninety-six-year-old Emilie (left) and 97-year-old Otto Kahn of Neustadt am Rennsteig, Germany, prepare to celebrate their 75th anniversary, which falls today. They have four children, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

### Official: Russia steps up sales of arms to developing countries

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia has collapse, Russia last year surpushed aggressively to boost arms sales to the developing world, moving to consolidate its lead over the United States, a newspaper reported yesterday.

As of oow, Moscow has signed contracts for arms sales totaling \$8 billion and hopes to reach \$10 billion by the end of the year, Maj.-Gen. Alexander Kotyolkin, the head of the Russian arms trading monopoly Rosvooruzheniye, told

the daily Kommersant newspaper. Russia now exports weapons to 51 countries, with India, China, Malaysia, Kuwait, Cyprus and Turkey taking the lead, the news-

For 'he first time since the Soviet

passed the US in weapons exports to developing countries, agreeing to sell about \$6 billion worth of weapons, up from \$3.7 billion in 1994, according to the US Congressional Research Service's report released last month.

New US contracts for arms sales dropped to \$3.8 billion in 1995 from \$6.2 billion the previous year.

Not all deals are carried out, and oew orders often take several years to fill. The United States was still far ahead in actual deliveries of arms last year - \$9.5 billion worth to Russia's \$2.4 billion.

Kommersant said Russia hopes to receive \$3.5 billion to 3.6 billion from arm sales this year.

### Tension rises in divided Cyprus

NICOSIA (AP) - Tension between the Greek and Turkish sectors of this war-divided Mediterranean island nation rose anew yesterday, with authorities on both sides trading recriminations over recent killings.

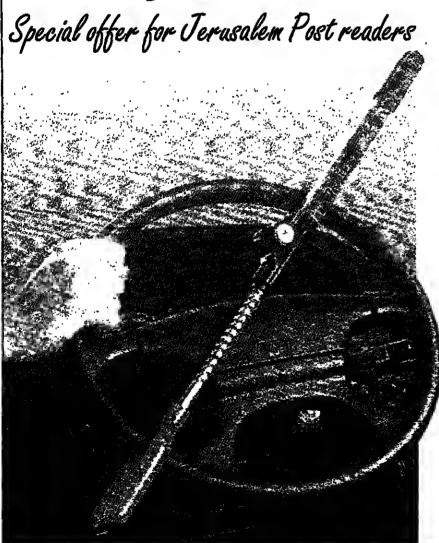
A Cypros government spokesman said yesterday that an agriculture minister in the island's breakaway Turkish Cypriot republic was one of

the killers of a Greek Cypriot protester shot dead last month while attempting to haul down a Turkish flag.

He identified him as Kenan Akin, 43, and said he was among an estimated 35,000 settlers brought from mainland Turkey following the 1974 invasion of Cyprus.

The charge was made as Turkish Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller arrived on the Turkish-occupied north of Cyprus to attend the funeral of a Turkish Cypriot soldier killed on Sunday while on sentry duty on the line dividing the island since 1974.

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### Demjanjuk defense asks end of citizenship revocation

CLEVELAND (AP) - Attorneys for John Demjanjuk have request-ed dismissal of the government's civil case that resulted in his loss

of citizenship in 1981.

Federal public defenders
Michael Dane and Debra Hughes made the request in a legal brief filed Monday.

Dane and Hughes contend the

ruling that stripped Demjanjuk of his citizenship was undeniably obtained as a result of litigation during which the government committed fraud on the court." At a hearing in May before US

District Judge Paul Matia, the defense identified a possible eyewitness, Jakob Reimer, who was a paymaster at the Trawniki guard training camp in Poland where an identification card has Demjanjuk posted. In the brief, the defense lawyers say Reimer could have cast doubt oo Demjanjuk's Trawniki identifi-cation card and that the Justice

Department's Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations knew about Reimer in 1980. John Russell, a Justice Department spokesman, said he could not comment on the defense

Aftereffects of blizzard of '96 show up in delivery rooms

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - There was a lot more going on during the Blizzard of '96 in the northeastern United States than shoveling driveways and playing board games.

Nine months after the buge snowstorm socked the region, Pennsylvania and New Jersey delivery rooms are preparing for a deluge of Blizzard Babics.

"It doesn't take rocket science, it just takes a little arithmetic," the administrator of Bryn Mawr Hospital, Nancy Farrington, said Friday. "Instead of playing in the snow, people were playing in their beds."

Hospitals don't know exactly how many women will be giving birth this month and next. But administrators at hospitals in both states say they are taking their cue from projected due dates - which are up as much as 50 percent over last year.

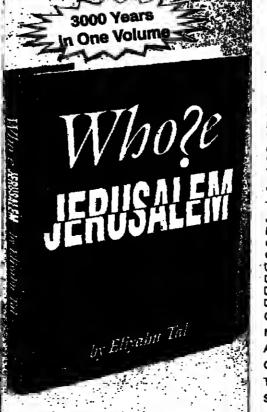
Dr. Richard Krauss, an obstetrician who delivers babics at Pennsylvania Hospital, said he is expecting 20 births this month. He usually has 10 or 12.

New Jersey doctor Wendy Martinez said that for the first time ever, her practice had to add a second birthing class for new mothers.

The topic of conversation on the first day of class? "Everyone was

asking everyone else, 'So what day of the storm did you do it on?" Martinez said. "There was the snow, a lot of people sitting around fires in a fireplace, maybe a glass of wine, so the setting was... tranquil." Thirty years ago, the birth rate jumped off the charts at New Yorkarea hospitals - nine months after the great blackout of November 9,

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DANIEL J. CHALFEN and news agencies

THE latest US attacks on Iraq The same of the same of have left Gulf states trying to balance support for their powerful guardian against the the point of the THE PARTY desire to preserve the sovereignty War and the first to be of a fellow Arab country, diplomats

said on Monday.

During the Gulf war, Iraq was almost unanimously accepted as "the enemy." But as Arab reactions to the US strikes and Turkey's intended establishment of a buffer Russia stepsy zone in northern Iraq were announced, the various axis of intra-Arab and Arab-US relations

are, again, being tested. Since the Gulf War, some Gulf states have adopted a softer line on Iraq. Hawkish Kuwait and Saudi oping countil land. Hawkish Kuwan and Samuel Arabia refuse any direct contact with the Iraqi leader, but Qatar and with the Iraqi leader, but Qatar and Oman both have resident Iraqi

Last year, UAE President Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Nahayan said the time had come to reconcile with Baghdad, urging UN sanctions be lifted to ease the Iraqis' suffering.

The chairman of a two-day meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) - part of the USled coalition that ended Iraq's 1990-91 occupation of Kuwait -said Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and United Arab Emirates (UAE) differed with the US over the strikes and were discussing the issue with Washington.

There are no disagreements but there are differences in opinion," Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef bin Alawi bin Abdullah said after the meeting

ended on Sunday.

That said, "the fact they did not make any comment [about the US strikes] reflects partly the desire for GCC unity and partly the desire to maintain good relations with the US and other Western allies," a Western diplomat in Abu Dhabi said.

WARRANT TANAL TO SERVICE Caprice protested to the art Meanwhile, Turkey's plan to set up a buffer zone in borthern lrag has served to bring Arab states together in support of Iraqi sovereignty and territorial integrity.

This, at least, shows that pan-Arab solidarity and resentment of Hussein and other Arab leaders. It the Arabs as a single nation.

can also entice even those Arab governments which joined the USled military campaign to drive Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in 1991 into a unified voice, insisting that they cannot accept a foreign buffer zone

in an Arab country. As they rallied in support of Kuwaiti sovereignty in 1990, they should now similarly defend Iraqi sovereignty against Turkish

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a pillar of Arab opposition to Saddam during the Kuwaiti crisis, said in remarks published on Monday that partitioning Iraq or annexing Iraqi territory would be

"Iraq is an Arab state, the survival and unity of which we are intent on preserving," he told the ruling party newspaper Mayo. "Partitioning Iraq would create a dangerous situation in the whole

According to an Abu Dhabibased Western diplomat, "the Gulf states, especially the UAE, don't want to see the disintegration of Iraq, because they need Iraq to counter Iran. They fear Iran."

Syria, Algeria and the six GCC states have expressed reservations about the buffer zone, which Ankara says would stop Turkish Kurds from using the area as a base for attacks on Turkish forces Syria. which has a long-standing territor-ial dispute with Turkey, has been especially vehement about Turkish plans for northern Iraq, seen in Damascus as an encircling tactic.

A notable exception to the opposition is Jordan, which has refrained from overt criticism of the plan and has been developing ties with Turkey, apparently as a bulwark against Syria.

Arab opposition reflects suspicion about Turkish policy in the region, especially in light of the defense cooperation agreement which Furkey and Israel signed

Diplomats say Arab governments are increasingly concerned that countries like Israel, Turkey non-Arab interference in the region and the US are deciding the future can transcend the antagonism of the region without consulting between Iraqi President Saddam them, to the long-term detriment of

# Labor's Mashov circle backs recognition of Palestinian state

HE Mashov circle, a group of young, up-and-coming Labor leaders, earlier this week adopted the Beilin-Abu Mazen non-paper, which is based on the principle of recognizing the Palestinian state in return for keeping united Jerusalem under Israeli

The head of the Mashov circle, Yossi Beilin, decided to make this non-paper part of the circle's platform in the hopes it would ultimately become the Labor party platform.

Beilin did not reveal the exact text of the non-paper, but on Sunday he told his fellow Mashov members the principles of the document. ever, there are doubts whether the PLO really supported the understandings between Abu Mazen and Beilin. The non-paper apparently covered many other issues related to the final settlement For example, the Palestinian state

would be demilitarized.

The Palestinians wanted close relations with Jordan, even agreeing to a single diplomatic representative in each country around the world. However, the Jordanians refused to accept it, Beilin noted. Regarding the refugee problem,

Beilin said there are suggestions to abolish the UN Relief and Works Agency and to establish another institution under Swedish supervision to take care of the refugees. As for Jerusalem, the Palestinian

capital would be located in Al-Quds, namely those parts of greater Jerusalem which are outside the municipal borders of Israeli Jerusalem, but which are considered by the Palestinians to be part of the city. They will not recognize Israeli rule in eastern Jerusalem, but will respect the principle of an open city. The Temple Mount will become extraterritorial: the PA and Jordan will establish a committee to coordinate issues related to it.

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Apart from the Al-Quds understanding, there is no evidence of PLO support for the non-paper. To the contrary, some of the PLO's latest measures indicate it rejected the non-paper.

Here we may perceive a repetition of what happened in Oslo: the agreements were achieved by one wing of the Palestinians, only to be actually canceled by the PLO itself once they were signed. The fact that the names of the academics who helped in phrasing the document were not known, besides Abu Mazen, is evidence that the PLO did not approve it.

The ideas incorporated in the

non-paper resemble notions presented by Palestinian scholars currently living in London, such as Ahmad Khaldi and Yazid Sayegh, and it is not be a great surprise that they are the incognito scholars behind the non-paper. They have already previously

participated in seminars, described as a secret channel, that produced recommendations on several issues, which were rejected by the PLO.

As for the current developments, we can now better understand the timing of the confrontation between the PA and Jordan over the nominations for the Wakf administration on the Temple Mount.

The PA recently decided to nominate new Wakf officials without consulting Jordan. It actually removed the Jordanian officials, challenging the current situation that the Wakf on the Temple Mount is part of the Jordanian Wakf Ministry in Amman. This may be understood as an

actual rejection of the non-paper agreement of the necessity to have a PLO-Jordan coordination on Al-

In addition, Arafat's declarations in the Balata refugee camp last week that he supports the continua-tion of UNRWA until the fulfillment of the right of return can now be better understood as a rejection of the non-paper proposal to estab-lish a new Swedish-sponsored refugee organization. And the issue of demilitarization of the territories is a well-known dispute among the Palestinians, with some insisting on the right of a regular army rather than only a police force.

The PLO appears to support only the Al-Quds aspect of the proposal, as steps have already been taken to move offices from eastern

Jerusalem proper to Abu Dis.
It should also be noted that prior to the meeting between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and PA chairman Yasser Arafat, Abu Mazen had ordered some Orient

About 400 couples walk into Cairo stadium for a mass wedding ceremony, which was attended by some 20,000 relatives.

### Egyptians join in mass wedding for 400 couples

OME 20,000 Egyptians clapped and danced to oriental music in a Cairo hockey stadium on Friday night at a state-sponsored wedding recep-

tion for 400 couples. The party was the brainchild of sports supremo Abdel Moneim Emara, who said he wanted to spare them the expense of private wedding receptions which can cost thousands or even tens of

thousands of dollars. Grooms in dark suits and brides in traditional white wedding

dresses arrived in procession, to whistles and ululations from relatives packed into grandstands decorated with pink and white satin drapes and hunches of balloons.

Suzanne, the wife of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, was the guest of honor at the televised occasion.

Emara's Supreme Council for Sport and Youth had advertised the free event on television three

Last month, Al-Hayat reported

that militants posing as policemen

shot and hacked to death at least 63

people in what would have been

some of the worst bloodshed in the

four-year civil war. The newspaper

said that attack was carried about

by more than 100 Moslem mili-

tants armed with rifles, daggers and

axes who stormed two buses after

months ago and accepted those who put in their applications first. Couples said the party was better than anything they could have organized themselves - especially the fireworks, the laser light show and the quality of the

"It was a really excellent idea and they should repeat it every year," said Khaled Mohamed, an agricultural engineer from Alexandria. "It's much more fun

setting up fake police barricades.

The Algerian government called

the report "totally unfounded." Al-

Hayat, a popular and respected

newspaper, stood by the report, which it attributed to reliable

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More than 60,000 people have

been killed since the start of the

insurgency in January 1992, when

the army-backed government can-

celed legislative elections that

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were poised to win.

Algeria, it was impossible to inde-

pendently confirm the latest

reports.

an Arabic teacher from the Nile Delta. "We've made lots of new friends and we're having the time of our lives." Most of the couples were junior

this way," said Nagah al-Sayyed,

public-sector employees who live on annual salaries of less than 300 pounds. But, perhaps in deference to a

puritanical trend in Egyptian society, the organizers missed out one ingredient essential to the traditional wedding. There was no belly dancer.

### **Gulf tensions** seen as bonus for arms makers

**MICHAEL GEORGY** 

THE US strikes against Iraq will stoke the tension that has made the Gulf a multibillion dollar arms bazaar, Western diplomats and industry executives : said on Monday.

"It may sound mercenary, but when you cut it down to the bone, security is a major concern for Gulf states and that means they will need weapons," an executive of a major US arms company said of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's sweep into northern

Iraq.
The Iraqi leader's defiant speech on state television, wearing a field marshal's uniform, after Washington retaliated last week with cruise missile attacks, was a reminder of the continuing tension in the region. Industry executives said this latest conflict would not trigger an arms-buying spree, but tension means long-term gains for Western arms makers seeking to sell to Gulf states that rely on US protection from Iraq and Iran.

"This does not mean a windfall. But over the long term, the Gulf states will be concerned with security," said the executive.

Gulf states have stressed the need to preserve Iraq's sovereignty and territorial unity but diplo-mats say hawkish Saudi Arabia and Kuwait do not want Saddam to think he can act with impunity. Armed with vast oil wealth, Gulf

Arab states haunted by memories of Iraq's lightning invasion of Kuwait in 1990 are bristling with high-tech weapons, with more deals on the horizon.

"These types of tensions will continue to make the Gulf a valuable market in the future," said a Western diplomat in the United Arab Emirates, which has emerged as a major player in the international arms market. (Reuter)

### Kurds jeopardize American aid SUNA ERDEM

HE story goes, that back in 1991 British Prime Minister John Major drew a sketch that hastily became the US-led Operation Provide Comfort (OPC). Now, turmoil in northern Iraq has raised questions over whether it's time to redraw the blueprint for the Turkey-based air operation shielding rebel Kurds from Saddam Hussein.

"Its reason for existence is being questioned. It has not turned out as efficient as hoped.... I guess nobody thought the Kurds would be such fools," popular columnist Mehmet Ali Birand, who specializes in foreign relations, told

In taking the main Kurdish city of Irbil from a rival faction on August 31, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) militia About Jerusii broke the biggest taboo and allied with Saddam at taboo and allied

OPC. "OPC has completely lost its function. It must rethink itself," said columnist Bilal Cetin. "The Iraq thing is a mess." It's unclear how OPC - set up following the Gulf war - could be changed.

Marie Control of the Mary of 25% Co. Turkey has become increasingly strident in its demands to have control. It charges the force's presence, creates an authorized presence, creates an authorized presence. allows separatist Kurds to use northern Iraq as a second STATE OF THE STATE

Ankara has said it wants to create a security zone in northern Iraq to curb rebel Turkish Kurd activity in the region, which it says increased An 2036 thanks to OPC and the latest fight-

The state of the s Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller The second secon has demanded that OPC also be mandated to protect ethnic Turks in iraq and that its military command centre be moved from northern Iraq to Turkey. The government has so far managed to overcome parliamentary opposition, routinely

winning renewal of the mandate. After the latest fighting, a highranking Turkish diplomat said it was Washington that was thinking of revising the scheme United States sent us a message saying the situation in nonhern Iraq had changed, and given that we had problems with it, we could talk things over," the diplomat said. After the Gulf War, Saddam's troops brutally put down a Kurdish uprising, strafing the rebels by air and forcing them to flee to Turkey and Iran and causing an outcry in the West. Five years on, nobody is seriously suggesting the combined US, British, French and Turkish force be folded, but no one has

specified how it could be adapted

to the latest situation. We have to wait and see what happens on the ground," said a Western diplomat, who denied that plans were afoot to alter the structime of the operation. 'We will have to think very carefully about where we go from here, but we have plenty of time to see until the mandate is up for renewal in December.

Birand said the latest events showed if anything that OPC needed to stay: "At least it offers some kind of military presence in the north.... But it must be made more effective." He said Washington may want ground troops to become part of OPC, and said the allies would be discussing whether OPC jets should be mandated to strike if Saddam repeated his foray into the north. He said the force could mould into something designed to keep a hold on Saddam rather than

just protect the Kurds. But it is questionable whether the Turks would accept - or the French, who withheld support for missile strikes Washington launched against Iraq in reaction to Saddam's intervention.

Western policy will also depend on whether KDP chief Massoud Barzani continues to favour Saddam as an ally over rival Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK).

After a safe haven was created for Kurds in northern fraq, the peshmerga guerrillas of Barzani and Talabani continued to fight each other sporadically, despite sharing power after the first Kurdish parliament elections in 1992, through countless cease-fires and peace talks, particularly in the past two years.

Islamic militants kill 30 in Algeria meters south of the border town of

Stants in Algeria killed 30 peo-ple and kidnapped five In another incident, the newspaper said 12 people were killed women in two attacks on buses last Friday in a similar ambush in week, an Arabic-language newspaper reported Monday. Ghardaya, southeast of Algiers. The London-based daily Al-Details on both attacks were

Hayat said militants attacked a bus after setting up a fake police barri-cade Wednesday on a highway near the border with Tunisia. Several men boarded the bus and forced six women and all the men between ages 18 and 30 to get off, Al-Hayat said, quoting "information from inside Algeria."

The bodies of 18 people, including one of the women, were later found farther down the road, the newspaper said. The other five women were apparently abducted to nearby mountains, about 20 kilo-

### Dogs help West's 'cultural invasion'

WALKING dogs in public is a sign of a "Western cultural invasion" and police should stop it, an Iranian newspaper has suggest-

Unfortunately, some identityless young people, to show off, take dogs into the streets imitating foreigners," the Jomhuri Eslami daily quoted a shopowner as say-"Police should prevent this which is a form of cultural inva-

The daily published a picture of a young woman window-shopper carrying a dog. People carrying dogs "disturb pedestrians, especially women and children," it said. It told readers it was necessary to

stay away from dogs because Islam

considers the animals unclean.

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### A non-paper non-starter

YRIA'S rejection of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's offer to restart direct Syrian-Israeli negotiations - with no precondidons - as expressed yesterday in the official Syrian paper al-Baath, is disappointing, as is the Syrian suggestion that the US twist Israel's arm to accept Syria's conditions. The immediate resumption of talks between Syria and Israel, as called for by Netanyahn, is important not only for progress in the peace process, but also to reduce the tensions of the past few weeks, which were highlighted by the recent Syrian troop movements.

The Syrian leadership is clearly disappointed that Israel will not agree to resume negotiations from the point at which they were broken off prior to the elections, and is especially annoyed at Netanyahu's rejection of the understandings reached between Israeli and Syrian negotiators in May and June of 1995. Bnt Damascus has only itself to hlame.

Those understandings were attained between representatives of the Labor government and Syria, and were explicitly defined as a "nonpaper." Labor MK Yossi Beilin, when asked recently to explain the term non-paper (in reference to the Abu Mazen-Beilin non-paper on permanent status arrangements for the West Bank), provided a very succinct definition: It is a document which does not officially exist, because either party retains the right to deny that it was ever drawn np in the first place.

In contrast to the Oslo agreements, which were formally signed by Israel's highest-ranking representatives and are therefore rightly recognized by Netanyabn as binding on Israel and the PLO, the present government has every right to reject any previous understand-ings or promises made hy its predecessor regarding the negotiations with Syria. Indeed. there are indications that Israeli negotiators were willing in the past to formalize the level of understandings with the Syrians beyond that of a oon-paper, but Syria demurred. It did this knowing full well that Israel's elections were approaching and that a different government might be elected. Now Damascos must deal

with the consequences of its past decisions. A careful reading of Netanyahu's statements in Washington regarding the renewal of Israeli-Syrian negotiations reveals a reasonable Israeli position. Israel bas in fact oot ruled out any territorial compromise on the Golan Heights; it bas simply insisted that, as in the Madrid talks, it will not agree to Syria's demand that Israel commit itself to a full withdrawal before negotiations even hegin, a demand which it rightly regards as a prior condition. As Netanyahu stated, Israel reserves the right to start talks with its maximalist positions, just as Syria will open with its farthest-reaching demands.

This is the normative model of negotiating, with the subsequent give-and-take of bargaining bringing the two parties to an agreed point somewhere in between their opening positions. In the past four years, as noted by former Foreign Ministry legal advisor Yoel Singer, Arab negotiators did not follow this model, to their advantage, but instead negotiated preliminary non-papers setting out a middle-position, and then backtracked and requested that negotiations be reopened. Israel was thus placed in the position of starting from the middle point, after which negotiations moved further towards the initial Arab demands. Netanyahu's rejection of the May-June 1995 non-paper is precisely an indication that this style of negotiations is no longer acceptable to Israel.

Syria's suggestion that the US "return Netanyahu to his natural size," and force Israel to accept Syrian positions prior to negotiations, is insulting and counterproductive. It harkens back to the early Seventies, when Arab nations waited for the US "to deliver Israel," a position which only resulted in deadlock and confronta-

The history of successful Israeli-Arab negotiating breakthroughs - from Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, through the secret Oslo dialogues and the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty, all of which occurred without Washington's interventioo and sometimes eveo caught it by surprise – should have put paid to this conception long ago. The US cannot force either Syrian or Israeli actions and decisions. At best it can serve as a facilitator of meetings, give its hlessings to understandings attained and provide financial backing. The sooner this is accepted by all parties involved, the

A majority of Israelis are currently opposed to a pullback on the Golan Heights, and the IDF has on more than one occasioo expressed oervousness at the prospect of giving up on the strategic advantages afforded by control of the Golan. Israel's suggestion that an arrangement in Lebanon be worked out first - reminiscent of the Oslo agreement's emphasis on an interim agreement as a confidencebuilding measure prior to final-status talks is therefore quite logical.

This is especially true given the absurdity of an Arah rejection of Israel's offer to withdraw its troops from an Arah country. A Lehanese arrangement ending the violeoce oo the northern border would go a long way towards increasing Israeli public confidence in negotiating with Syria. The Syrian rejection of the "Lebanon first" proposal again raises the old suspicion that Syria is more interested in being courted by the US to return to the negotiating table than in making progress towards a real peace agreement.

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Sir, - In an interview which ap-

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### HALACHIC ERROR ly subvert Negative Mitzva No. 278:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir. - As reported in The Jernsalem Post of August 16. it seems that the haredi leadership has made a serious hadachie error in its kulturkampf with the Supreme Court. When Dudu Zilbershlag, spokes-

man for the haredi neighborhoods around Rehov Bar-Ilan, stated that the Badatz (the Eda Haredit's rabbinical court) would have ruled just as one-sidedly in favor of the Shabbat closure as the Supreme Court did in voting against the Shabbat closure, he made a very low estimation indeed of the rabbis of the Badatz. This is strictly forbidden by Halacha, as summarized by Maimonides in Sefer Mirror (Negative Mitzva No. 315): "By this prohibition, we are forbidden to curse a judge. Does Zilbershlag assume that the

rabbis of the Badatz would political-

### THE JAHALIN BEDUIN Sir. - I would like to recufy statements made hy Evelyn Gordon in her article "Beduin petition against

resettlement plan" (August 26).

concerning the Jahalin Beduin.

The Jahalin have been living in the area from which the Israeli authorities wish to evict them for more than 40 years. They are not squaiters, following their expulsion from the Tel Arad area in the Negev in the early 1950s, they have been tenants in law on land owned by Palestinians from the Jerusalem communities of Abu Dis and Eizariya. The Israeli government claims that this land is "government land" but the documents proving this have been destroyed by the Ministry of Justice and no other proof positive has been offered to support this claim. All changes in ownership by the occupying forces in occupied territory are a breach of international law,

invalid. LYNDA BRAYER, Executive Legal Director, Society of St. Yers Jerusulein.

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### RESIGN!

Sir. - In an interview on Channel white rag. All later explanations and I's Erev Hadash, the deputy mayor excuses cannot excuse his complete of Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel. Rabbi Miller, called the He should resign immediately

tion concerning proposed tax cuts in the 1997 hudget regarding child al-lowances. He replied: "And as for the middle classes - 80 percent of the population - yes, they will pay for these cuts... Even those who will pay the entire price of the children's allowances cut will realize it merely equals NIS 130 per month, or one daily cigarette pack."

Mendor's analogy makes me. a

nonsmoker, positively fume! For those of us who have long ago given up smoking - io order to save muney to help pay for our children's many extra educational school costs, what he calls a "mere" NIS 130 per month cut in our child's allowance will deprive our child of such important and enriching after-school activities as sports, music, nature study, art, etc.

In Mendor's own words, "the nich will continue to lead their good lives." Does this mean that we, the mere 80 percent others, may not? Ma'aleh Adumim. J. ALON

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"THE UGLY ISRAELI"

Sir, - After reading Hillel Halkin's column "The ugly Israeli" just above Moshe Kohn's "Never say 'Sorry' " (August 23), the deliberate misrepresentation of Israel in the foreign press looked rather insig-nificant. Instead of following his advice and dispatching ineffective letters of protest abroad, every caring Israeli should cry out loudly and persistently Gevalt about our own borrible problems, until our leaders wake up and take action - if Mashiach won't beat them to it. The behavior of many Israelis

abroad may be causing much more damage to our image than all the hiased reporting that you so consistently deplore. But worse - these people behave at least as badly - or even worse - towards each other at home. Just watch their behavior in the Knesset, on our roads, how they throw stones and dirty diapers at other Jews, hear them shouting "Nazi" at Jewish policemen, read their graffiti. They litter the countryside, they pollute the air with noise. Young Israelis don't talk anymore. they shout. Even the frieudliest discussions soon become shouting matches. Come on, Mr. Halkin - do you earnestly believe the fable of the compassionate Israeli, who rushes his victim to hospital? It may look

good in the paper, but it's just wishful thinking.

And what about the now often mentioned rosh katan - small head syndrome? Letting somebody else do the fighting is just another manifestation of the "ugly Israeli." And who exploits all those illegal foreign workers? Why is it so hard to find honest parliamentarians - tegardless of party affiliation? Because "Jews have always paid more attention to substance than form" - as Mr. Halkin would like us to believe? And why are so many young people leav-

ing the country for good? Nobody is perfect; other nations have problems, too. But this is little consolation - being the "Chosen People," we are expected to be het-ter than the rest, aren't we?

Something has to be done, and fast. The alternative is too horrible to consider: the disintegration of our society - ot worse, the destruction of the Third Temple?

ISRAEL A. GLUCK

'I'm ready for direct talks with the Likud...'



# 'Suspicious objects'

K Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, was reported as saying that "the problem is that peo-ple can be elected to the Knesset who owe no loyalty to Israel as a Jewish and Zionist state" (The

Jerusalem Post August 29, 1996). The Likud's Landau was referring to the participation by MK Ahmed Sa'ad (Hadash) in a meeting on "classified matters" of the Knesset Finance Committee, of which he is a member, and in the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. Sa'ad countered that he wasn't a "suspicious object" but an elected MK, with the same rights as other MKs.

The proposed establishment of a smaller subcommittee to discuss subjects relating to the defense budget is envisioned as a way out of this particular controversy. The real issue deserving of

attention, however, isn't a technical one but the statement hy Landau apparently intimating -unless he was misreported - that all Knesset members should owe "loyalty to Israel as a Jewish and Zionist state." The last two words are particularly significant, and yet they shouldn't come as any

surprise.
In a rally held in Jerusalem's Zion Square in October 1995, then opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu accused the Rabin government of "resting on a con-Zionist majority" which therefore 'cannot make fateful decisions."

A leading representatives of the settlers, Yisrael Harel, wrote in this paper that "only unqualified approval by a Jewish majority can lend some form of legitimacy to the government's acts" (June 8, 1995). And when he was in the opposition, Ariel Sharon stated that the future of the territories "cannot be decided by the votes of Israeli Arabs, who see themselves as part of the Palestinian people. Maybe some will say this is not democratic," Sharon went on **DAN LEON** 

to say. "But our grandparents and parents came here not to establish a democratic state, but a state for the Jews."

The late Rabbi Shlomo Goren bluntly declared that "decisions on the future of Eretz Yisrael by an Israeli government that rests upon the votes of non-Jews are

Where does this leave Israeli Arabs, those non-Jewish citizens, about one-sixth of the total population (most of whom prefer to define themselves as Palestinian Arabs, citizens of Israel)? Expected to number about a

Are all our citizens equal or are some more equal than others?

million by the year 2,000, 99.9 percent of them bave never harmed the security of Israel or any of its citizens.

What of the promise in Israel's Declaration of Independence to ensure "complete equality of social and political rights to all inhabitants, irrespective of religion, race, or sex" and "full and equal citizenship"?

The question is particularly relevant because during the Rabin government this commitment. formerly nonbinding from a constitutional point of view, was accepted by the Knesset as one of Israel's basic laws.

THE INHERENT equality of all citizens in a democratic state needs no special pleading.
In our case, however, it is also

an essential component of the concept that the sovereign state of Israel, in which there is a large

thing in its power to integrate peacefully into the geopolitical region in which it is situated,

Jewish majority, should do every-

which is part of the Arab world. Zionists who saw their movement as one of national liberation will not be able to accept any

implication that what MK Landau calls "a Zionist state" must as such involve discrimination against its non-Jewish citizens. Were this so, it would be an

ominous sign for Zionism 100 years after Theodor Herzl founded the movement. Lastly, whoever coined it and whatever its effect, for many of us the election slogan "Only Bibi is

good for the Jews" aroused distressing associations of discrimination. It is equally so with talk of "non-Zionist majority" or "loyalty to Israel as a Jewish and Doesn't this approach to a minority of citizens - who, since they aren't Jews, cannot be

basic notion of inequality, one that can only undermine the foundations of Israeli democracy as a whole? All this does is provide addi-tional support for the proposal that Israel be redefined as "the state of the Jewish people and of

expected to be Zionists - contain

a built-in tendency to legitimize a

all its citizens." The bottom line is this question: In a state of Israel soon to cele-

brate its 50th anniversary, are all our citizens equal, or are some more equal than others?

If, deliberately or inadvertently. some statements seem to divide Israeli citizenship into first- and second-class categories, we should at least ask the speakers to tell us how this tallies with the promise of equality for all in our Declaration of Independence, now part of Israel's basic laws.

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THE ONLY one who really does-

n't understand what's going on is

People didn't elect him, as he so

frequently boasts. The over-

whelming majority of voters used

their vote as a protest against the

suicidal policies of the previous

We voted against Peres, not for

Bibi. We voted against a prime

minister who seemed to care more

for the enemy than for his own

people, and not for anybody we

thought was much better. We also

voted against "Israel - stronger

with Peres" and not for "Peace

with Security" or any other silly

This has to be made clear to our

new prime minister, who doesn't

have the mandate be thinks he has.

people rose up and against the

odds - and the polis - defeated a

government that said one thing,

Netanyahu must realize one

thing. If he continues "The Likud

Prime Minister Show" Part 3, as

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tion leader will be given back to

The writer is co-chairman of Zo

him sooner than he thinks.

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What happened was that the

slogan Bibi tried selling us.

our prime minister himself.

government.

# Red cross

GREER FAY CASHMAN

SRAELIS are known to be a contrary people, but here's something that really takes the

Here we are almost at the end of Elul, getting into high gear for Rosb Hashana and Yom Kippur. This is the time of year when we ask God earnestly and repeatedly for another year of life.

Yet so many Israelis - while praying for life - consciously put their lives daily at risk. They do it when they get behind the wheel of a car and speed away; and they do it with a vengeance when they cross the road.

When someone gets run over the tendency is to blame the driver of the car.

He came around the corner too fast. He sped over the pedestrian crossing without stopping. He tailgated. He swung into the wrong lane. He ignored the street lights. He was joyriding. He was

All this is frequently true – but pedestrians are often equally guilty of causing accidents. Anyone who would take issue with this has only to stand on the corner of a busy intersection or on any main street.

Some pedestrians, as a matter of course, cross on a red light when the street appears empty, others cross defiantly in the face of cars coming from both direc-

This might be understandable, if not excusable, when the offender is in a tearing hurry, But it's usually just a matter of impa-dence. The offender simply can't wait out that moment or two till light changes. (It's the counterpart of the urge that makes many drivers honk their homs at the guy in front the split second the ights turn green.)

Recently a backpacker crossing on red smirked at me, the sucker still waiting for the green Had she come to Israel to end

up as a statistic, I asked her. Stopping sbort in ber tracks, she replied: "Hey, that's very bairy." "What you did was hairy," I

retorted. "You want to kill yourself, fine.

### Had she come to Israel to end up as a statistic, I asked

But why involve an innocent driver? And if he pushes hard on the brake to avoid you, how can you be sure there won't be a pile-up

ter get away from this mad-

Their casual jaywalking is criminal, as they endanger not just themselves but the lives in

the person beside or ahead of

It's part of the herd mentality, and it isn't just applicable to the old. All you need is two or three jaywalkers out there in front and almost everyone else comes trot-

Jaywalking isn't smart, no matter how often you get away with

give us long life, but if we wantonly jeopardize our lives every time we cross the road, why should He?

staff. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the

# Disappointed? Not me

SHMUEL SACKETT

Netanyahu has lived down to all

my expectations. He hasn't closed

Orient House, and he never will.

He hasn't insisted on PLO compli-

ance with the Oslo accords, and he

Netanyahu has lived

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He hasn't built new settlements.

and be never will. He hasn't made

any changes in the leftist-domi-nated media (in true Begin and

Shamir style), and be never will.

any Jewish political prisoners, although be will soon release Arab

ones - making his predecessors

And finally, he hasn't released

S soon as the prime minister shook Yasser Arafat's hand, a bitter smile spread across my face.

He'd made it! He was officially following in his predecessors'

The Likud's first prime minister, Menachem Begin, shook Anwar Sadat's hand and gave the Palestinians legiomacy hy refer-ring to them as "a people," promising them autonomy.

The Likud's second prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, continued the trend with his presence at the Madrid Conference, promising to start negotiations with Arafat's representatives. This, of course, led to Oslo 1 and 2, which will very shortly lead to the creation of a Palestinian state.

And now it was Bibi's turn. He had managed to squeak out a very narrow yet impressive electoral victory. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Likud's third prime minister, would save the day.
Less than 100 days later, this

new savior extended his hand to one of the most hrutal murderers

of Jews this century. How proud Begin must be - not of his son who keeps talking against the peace process - hut of the Likud's newest shining star, the one who betrayed his voters at

record speed. How happy Shamin

POSTSCRIPTS

FEELING RESTLESS, Pat Fry

figured she'd take a cab from her

Los Angeles home 150 kilome-

A week, 3,000 kilometers and

"I must have been insane," she

The 68-year-old retired hotel

worker explained that when she

"I had cabin fever," she said.

She told cabbie Steve Baird to

got to Santa Barbara, she didn't

\$3,500 later, Fry was in Canada.

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said with a laugh.

want to stop.

Anyone who thought that Netanyahu would be anything more than the third leg in a series of Likud prime ministers hasn't learned from history.

and finally to Victoria.

proud once again.

I knew Bibi would aet this to perfection,

way; and he has played his part

keep driving through Oregon, Washington, on to Vancouver

"I've never been north of San Francisco before. I've always wanted to see Vancouver and Victoria. It's marvelous."

ANOTHER VICTORY for

Scientists promoting an aphrodisiac made from fertilized chicken eggs say the powder may provide a lift for men taking Prozac and other aoti-depressant drugs who find their sexual drive diminished.

A third of men who take Prozac suffer loss of sexual drive, which "Libido" can counteract, Jerald Bain, an obstetrician at the University of Toronto, said.

Studies showed improved sexual potency in men who consumed one drink containing the chicken powder, which is available in peach and malt chocolate flavors and is chalesterol-free.

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Ans Marilyr

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behind him and that someone else won't get killed? She'd obviously never thought about it, but by the expression on her face she clearly felt she'd bet-

On the intersection close to Jerusalem's Great Synagogue you can see scores of offenders every day. Some of the women push strollers, some have young children in tow.

IT GETS worse over Rosh Hashana.

There used to be a time when cars didn't travel in Jerusalem on these days. But that isn't so any more. Although traffic isn't as beavy on holy days as it is on a weekday or even on Shabbat, there's enough of it to mandate the observance of road safety reg-

But most worshippers - and I ive not far from the Great Synagogue and see it time and time again – leave shul (where they presumably prayed for life) and step blithely across the road, ignoring the red light as if the cars didn't exist. This includes clergymen, members of our judiciary and MKs, whom one might hope would set an example.

Elderly people will often watch them rather than the traffic lights, and promptly follow what he or she is doing.

ting behind them.

it. And even if you don't get hit by a car, those who step out after you might. It's all very well asking God to

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# Battle over rights of stolen Holocaust art

A Jewish-American family is suing to retrieve a painting the Nazis stole from them, reports Marilyn Henry in New York

RYING to save his art collection hefore trying to protect him-RYING to save his art concerns even before trying to protect himself, Friedrich Gutmann shipped seeks from Heemstede, Holland, self, Friedrich Gutmann suppose his paintings from Heemstede, Holland, werehouse around 1939. his paintings from Heemstene, in the angle of the saved neither. The shindered by the I

In the end, he saved neither. The paintings were plundered by the Nazis.

Gutmann, whose father had converted the family to Christianity, was beaten to death in Theresienstadt. His wife, Louise, died in Auschwitz. death in Theresienstau.

Louise, died in Auschwitz.

Gutmann's daughter, Lili, and his son,
Bernard, survived the war, elsewhere in

Europe.
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A half-century later, Lili Gutmann, and Betnard's sons, MICA and Goodman, have filed suit to retrieve one Goodman, have filed suit to retrieve one Goodman, nave thee sun Edgar Degas.

painting, a monotype by Edgar Degas.

There eav the Degas is in the art collecpainting, a monotype by the Degas is in the art collec-They say the Degas is in the art collec-of a Chicago businessman, Daniel They say the Degas is in the art conce-tion of a Chicago husinessman, Daniel Searle, who bought the painting for \$850,000 in 1987.

The legal battle, being waged in US

federal court in Manhattan, weights the rights of the heirs against the rights of a buyer - 50 years later.

"How do you balance that? It's out easy," said Searle's lawyer, Ralph Lorner, "It's clear here that we've got become to be completed by the said Lorner, "It's clear here than we two innocent people, two victims," said two innocent people, two victims art law at John Merryman, a specialist in art law at the Stanford University Law School. the Stanford University The issue is how we choose between them."

them."

The untitled monotype, overpainted in pastel by Degas has come to be known Smokestacks." by its description as "Landscape with

In Europe, the statute of limitations would have deflated the Goodman claim, but that is not an issue in New York. "Courts in the United States are sympathetic to the original owners even after 50 years," said Constance Lowenthal of the International Foundation for Art Research.

Common law, on which the American legal system is based, tends to favor the owner over the "good-faith" buyer. If an artwork was stolen, the buyer would have to give it up, said Merryman. But if the buyer was acting "in good faith," it seems unfair for someone to take the art away, so the owner must show "due diligence" in looking for it, he said.

That seems to be the crux of it, although the focus changes depending on which side is speaking: How diligently did the heirs try to find the artwork? And how far did the buyer go to ensure that the painting was truly free to be

"Not only are the paintings ours, we can prove it," Nick Goodman said in a telephone interview. "We have 50 years of paperwork from three different countries - France, the Dutch, Germany."

Goodman acknowledged that "there are holes" in his 50-year paper trail. But he countered that the gaps in the Degas provenance (a paper trail of an object, listing owners and where the work has beco exhibited) should have alerted the buyer that the painting was potentially

When the war ended, Bernard and Lili

Gutmann contacted the firm that owned the Paris warehouse where the art had been stored. They were informed that the Rosenberg Action Team, which had looted art from Jewish families throughout the Nazi-occupied areas, had seized the Gutmann collection, according to papers filed in the Goodman lawsuit.

Among the proof were three blackand-white photographs of Gutmann's Impressionist works. The photos secretly had been taken by Rose Valland, a curator at the Louvre who managed to keep a chronicle of the olundered art the Nazis brought to Paris.

The Gutmann children then notified Dutch, French and German authorities, as well as interpol, in an attempt to retrieve the stolen art.

"All three governments agreed that the paintings were not in Europe, and then the Germans offered a claim for loss of paintings," Goodman said. In 1964, the German government paid the Gutmann heirs about \$40,000 for five paintings.

The authorities said the art was probably behind the Iron Curtain, in East Germany or Russia. "They sort of accepted that," Goodman said of his father and aunt. But, he said, Bernard Goodman, living in Europe, kept looking for the art until his death in 1994, "nurning over every stone in Europe."

It was only after their father's death that Nick and Simon Goodman, both eitizens of Britain living in Los Angeles, learned from their aunt of the stolen paintings. At the same time, Russia was eclebrating displays of Nazi trophy art, and it seemed possible that the Gutmann paintings might be uncovcred.

The Goodmans got in touch with Willi Korte, who tracks art stolen by the Nazis. Goodman recalled that "Willi said, 'Maybe the paintings didn't go east; they went west."

Beginning a search of American museum and auction catalogs, Goodman found a reference to a Gutmann Renoir in a 1969 catalog. "Willi was right," Goodman said. "They went west."

The Goodmans quickly tracked the Degas to Searle after finding the painting listed in a catalog from a 1994 Metropolitan Museum of Art exhibition.

Lerner, Searle's lawyer, said the Gumann heirs failed to prove "due diligence" in their search for the Degas, because they had sufficient time to claim the painting, which had been exhibited and published several times in the US in the last three decades.

"If the Goodmans were searching for this item, why didn't they find it?" be said in an interview. They have to prove that [Gutmann] owned it and that he dido't sell it prior to his death in the camps," Lerner said, suggesting that the Gutmann heirs produce a receipt. "The Nazis kent phenomenal records.

The Goodmans were exceptionally diligent in looking for their losses," said the heirs' attorney, Thomas Kline of Washington.

"If you are told by three governments that the paintings have gone east, you do, as an ordinary citizen, tend to believe them," Goodman said, adding that once he learned of the theft and began working with Korte, the Degas was located

The lawsuit was filed after a year of fruitless discussions between Searle and the heirs of Gutmann, who had been a member of the family that founded the Bank of Dresden in Germany.

According to Goodman, Searle, scion of the Searle Pharmaceutical Company, did not make an offer to settle the dis-

Documents provided by Searle, intended to fortify his claim, also appear to bol-

Emile Wolf of New York acquired the Degas in 1951, and Searle acquired the painting from Wolf in 1987, the Searle documents show.

But the Degas provenance and other documents also show that Hans Wendland, an art dealer who collaborated with the Nazis, acquired "Landscape with Smokestacks" after it has been stolen by Rosenberg. That, Goodman said, should have aroused Searle's attention and seemed to indicate that Searle did not ensure the Degas has a clean title.

Their own provenance names Wendland, a notorious Nazi art thief. The OSS [US intelligence branch, Office of Strategic Services] deemed him a shady character who was ootorious for shady art dealings," Goodman said. "So if the Searle provenance shows that, it's a red flag all over the place."

Korte agreed. If the name of the prewar owner seems to be Jewish, French, Dutch or Belgian, and there is a gap in the provenance for the 1940s, and the painting reappears in a private collection in the 1950s, he said, that is a "red

In general, though, a provenance's gap during the Nazi era does not always mean the art was expropriated. "There is at least an equal chance that the [owner] occided money and sold it," said Merryman, the Stanford professor, adding that it would be hard to confirm such a circumstance.

"Provenance is primarily a term that arises out of historic - not legal - interest," he said. "It's an intellectual, academic, art-historical kind of interest" that traces what has happened to a work of art since it was made.

The continuity of a provenance is rare, said Gary Vikan, director of the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore. "To the extent that its history is known, it's like a pedi-

A good pedigree can boost the artwork's market value, as buyers seek social status and what one dealer called "bragging rights" to own a work once housed by an earlier, famous owner.

A complete provenance is often unusual for many reasons that are routinely accepted in the art world and are unrelated to theft. Dealers do not like to identify the source of a painting, guarding it like a trade secret.

This often suits the owners. They may prefer not to announce to tax authorities or thieves that they have valuable art, or to broadcast through a sale that they may

be financially strapped. Sometimes it's hard to be absolute in the history of the piece because buyers and sellers remain anonymous," said

Searle's lawyer. Friedrich Gutmann himself was not listed on the provenance of "Landscape with Smokestacks."

"He didn't want the publicity," Goodman said. "My aunt says he was very private about these paintings. "That he didn't advertise the fact doesn't mean it was a shady deal. A lot of collectors just don't want the publicity."

While it is widely understood that there will be gaps in a provenance, Korte said certain gaps should set off alarms bells, and he fumed at how nonchalantly many overlook Holocaust-era gaps in European provenances.

He cited one example concerning an Old Master. "The provenance starts nicely in the 16th century. It was bought by a Polish king io the late 18th ceotury. Then it stayed in one or two places in Poland until the 1940s, and then the provenance said, 'After 1945, German private collectioo," Korte said. "You read this and say to yourself, 'This is funny or stupid or terribly

# Venezuela takes pride in being the beauty-pageant capital of the world

BEAUTY pageants may be politically incorrect in some places, but in Venezuela they're a source of pride.

Two of the country's prettiest threesome last year went on to be named Miss Universe and Miss World. The third, Carla Steinkopf. flies to Tokyo soon for the Miss International pageant.

Chark use successful of races Chalk the success up to eren en en en en en en en en en and a pageaut organization dedicated to preserving the nation's reputation for world-class beauties. All eyes are on the winners, and recent reports that Miss Universe Alicia Machado must drop 9 kilograms in two weeks or lose her crown creat-

At I.7 meters, Machado 2 States are weighed 51 kilograms when she won her crown in Las Vegas on May 17. She had dropped 8 kg. before the competition. Media reports say she now weighs 59 kg. and faces the royal boot.

Miss Universe pageant officials denied giving any ultimatums. "I just saw her yesterday and she looked beautiful," spokeswoman Wooten Lee said, after the alleged ultimatum was announced. Machado's mother, Marta

Fajardo, said her daughter had four

wisdom teeth removed a couple of weeks earlier, which made her face swell and may have given the impression she had gained weight. Venezuelans have won nine top international pageants in the past two decades, more than any other nation. After Machado's victory, President Rafael Caldera proclaimed Venezuela "the world center of beauty." Twice - in 1996 and 1981 - Venezuela has held two of the three top titles in the same year. Only Australia (1972) and India (1994) managed that

This year, Venezuela's going for all three, and Steinkopf is confident she's the one to do it on October 27. "It's a huge responsibility I've got in my hands," the 23-year-old model said confidently. "I'm sure I'm going to be successful,"

THE ANNUAL Miss Venezuela pageant has no trouble finding contestants. Thousands literally knock on the door of Miss Venezuela House, the Caracas home of pageant organizers.

"I always knew when I used to watch the contest oo TV 1 was going to be there someday," said Adelaida Pifano, 24. She and 27 other young women vied for this ar's title and fortune.

The vehicle that transforms pretty women into beauty queens is the Miss Venezuela Organization. Its mastermind is Osmel Sousa, a graphic artist who no longer designs his ideal woman in sketch

Sousa recruits, selects and grooms Miss Venezuela contestants, who are not winners of regional beauty contests. He assigns the state banners - Miss Zulia, Miss Federal District - that they wear on the show. He finds candidates at parties, shopping malls, modeling agencies. He discovered Minorka Mercado, Miss Venezuela 1993, playing volleyball

on Venezuela's Caribbean beaches. "When I look at a girl, I look to see if she is well-proportioned and tall," says Sousa. The face, he says, needn't be perfect - makeup and plastic surgery always are options. Quite a few young women submit to plastic surgery. Most work is on the nose and breasts; liposuction

smoothes the thighs. Steinkopf, who has breast implants, said there's nothing



Contestants in the 1996 Miss Venezuela pageant show off their figures in Caracas.

wrong with a bit of plastie surgery. "If you want to arrange any detail

Sousa also discounts criticism of surgically altering contestants, "A girl who puts on makeup also is fabricated," he said. Besides, he said, plastic surgery is common in most pageants: "I'm more sincere.

The Los Angeles-based Miss Universe Pageant doesn't prohibit plastic surgery, but "they don't encourage it. They think women are naturally beautiful and don't need enhancing," said spokes-

woman Wooten Lee. At Miss Venezuela House, con-

testants are sequestered for three months before the annual pageant. They are put on crash diets and work out in the gym for several bours a day. They are taught to walk, talk, sit, stand and dress in certain ways, how to apply makeup and how to answer pageant

Few complain. Winning can be a ticket to a career in television, film, business and even politics -Irene Sacz, Miss Universe 1981, is mayor of a Caracas municipality and polls show she is the most popular politician in the country, and some think she may run for president in two years.

Natural beauty is given some credit for Venezuela's success. Venezuelans are a blend of native Indians, former African slaves and Europeans from the conquistadors to refugees from 20th-century wars. "Venezuela has a great mix of races," Machado said. "That's wby the girls are so pretty."

### Pushing your children

**RUTH MASON** 

TD like help in thinking about the balance between pushing L kids and letting them go their own way when it comes to afterschool classes. These classes are supposed to be fun but they also have the potential to develop talents and abilities that school doesn't top.

My 11-year-old daughter tukes jazz dance, among other things, and she is really talented. I saw an ad for an advanced dancing class for her age group in town and when I asked her if she'd like to go she said: "No, I'm happy where I am."

My other daughter is good at gymnustics and her teacher asked her to be on a team. But she is starting junior high and grades are becoming more important. In short, how much excellence do you push for and at what expense? Charlotte Slopak, clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst,

It's natural to want the best for your children, to give them every opportunity for enrichment. On the other hand, kids need to be kids, to have some free time and to go at their own pace. Parental expectations may be connected to your wanting your child to have opportunities you missed when you were a child. They may be based on an unrealistic idea of superior performance, without taking into account your child's needs, skills, limitations and feelings.

If you had a shy child who only wanted to sit in front of the television, then you would need to encourage her to join some afterschool activities and even give a push in that direction. You seem to have a busy child, involved in several activities. If she is happy, then it would appear that the idea of an advanced class is more for you than for ber.

With respect to your older daughter, does she want to be on the seam? Does she realize all the time and effort involved? Being on a sports team can be a valuable life experience for a child, but only if

she herself is really motivated. I don't know if this applies to your family, but grades in the seventh grade are an important factor in admission to a competitive high school, so it may be advisable to cut back on activities that year. By the middle of the eighth grade, she can again become involved in her informal education."

Children sometimes want to quit an after-school activity right away, and you should encourage them to stick it out for a few months. The child will usually need a while to adjust, and will gradually develop a more positive attitude. If she still wants to quit after giving it a fair chance, it is reasonable to let her stop.

Offer and encourage - children may need a push - but distinguish between the needs and interests, talents and maturity of your child, and your own interests and expectations.



Israel Airports Authority Head Office - Department of Border Terminals



The Israel Airports Authority has made every effort to provide the best possible service to people going to Sinai over the holidays. In order to ease the border crossing, vacationers are advised to prepare the necessary documentation in advance:

Passport, valid for at least 3 months (passports cannot be extended at the crossing) Army exit permit or stamp in your passport (this also applies to draftees waiting to go into the army)

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- ✓ Those intending to enter Sinai without their car are advised to leave it in a parking lot in Eilat (e.g. Egged or Shekem) and travel to the terminal by bus. There are no parking facilities in the terminal area.
- Those taking pets with them must bring health certificates

### No weapons or ammunition are allowed into Egypt.

The Management of the Airports Authority wishes all travelors a Happy New Year.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

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Wainshal called on the govern-

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high budget deficit and depen-

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Commenting oo Clal's future business strategy, Wainshal said

the group is continuing with its

plans to change its structure by eliminating holding companies.

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The group's business strategy also includes diversifying its

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ly in export-oriented companies

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quarter with a drop in net profit to NIS 44.57m. from NIS 58.9m. in

the same period last year.

nies that supply the local market

Clal Israel completed the second

The program is designed to cut

assistance,"said Wainshal.

We cannot continue with such a

POLGAT Industries, a subsidiary of Clal Industries, is in negotiations to establish a sewing factory in Egypt, Clal Israel president and CEO David Wainshal said yester-

Polgat hopes the factory will

help it compete in international markets and reduce costs, Wainsbal said, explaining that the company must adjust to new market conditions in order to survive. According to Wainshal, the local textile industry can compete in markets where it has a technological advantage or has developed nicbe markets, such as Kitan's

uct lines. Polgat is currently designing a special lycra fabric for the manufacture of trousers.

Royal Sateen and Colorcot prod-

During the last two years, more than 40 small textile makers have been forced to close down, primarily due to the establishment of sew rooms in neighboring countries and the Far East, where labor is much cheaper.

The larger companies, led by Delta, are gradually moving their labor-intensive operations to

Jordan and Egypt.

The textile field, like the rest of the industrial sector, is facing severe problems, reflected in the imbalance between the dollar and the shekel, said Wainshal, adding that the export-oriented compa-

# Polgat in talks August trade deficit tops \$1 billion

THE country's trade deficit in August reached \$1.05 billion, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. This figure comprised \$2.34b. in imports, against \$1.29b. in exports.

The trade deficit for the first cight months totalled \$7.5b. Imports stood at \$19.8b. in the period, with exports at \$12.3b.
Since March, imports have fall-

en by a monthly average of 0.6%, excluding diamonds, fuel, ships and airplanes, a yearly rate of 7%. This compares to the consecutive 1% to 1.6% monthly rises in the second half last year.

Exports largely remained unchanged since March, following average monthly increases of 1% in the last quarter of 1995 and the

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mum of 25%, Bank Hapoalim also

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In the past, the Claridge-Arison consortium meetioned Bank

Hapoalim's non-financial assets as

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Industry and Trade Minister

Natan Sharansky, in an interview

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start of this year. As a result of the decrease in imports and steadying of exports, the trade deficit has been reduced by an average of 1.7% in the six months to August.

Imports in August comprised diamonds, fuel and ships (26%), raw materials (43%), materials for investment purposes (16%) and consumer goods (15%).

From February to August the import of raw materials slowed by a monthly 0.5%.

A monthly 0.7% drop was recorded in imports of investment goods over the quarter to August, which was mainly caused by a reduction in the oumber of import-

Positive and negative trends were set in recent months in the consumer goods sector: from April to June imports decreased by a monthly 1%, but 0.5% increases

Exports in August were of diamonds (18%), industrial goods (80%) and agricultural produce

Industrial exports, excluding diamonds, have steaded this year after monthly increases of 1% in the last quarter of 1995.

Sales of agricultural produce ended the season, which began last October, 15% higher at \$773 million from \$671m. in the previ-

and the Histadrut, but the manufacturers will not agree to a package deal which involves cutbacks. "During the last two years, the manufacturing industry has cut down on fat and any attempts to further cut Galit Lipkis Beck back will lead to a crisis," he said. were registered in July and IBM introduces Internet computer: IBM has announced the development of the first Internet computer meant specifically for linking up to the international computer network but unable to carry

the economy as a whole.

out the functions of much more expensive personal computers. The \$700 tabletop computer is the first of its kind to be put on the market following an agreement for standardization of Internet computers, signed in May by IBM, Oracle, Netscape, Sun and Apple. Users of the new computer will be able to connect with a variety

of servers using different types of operating systems, have access to e-mail and projects of working teams. Weighing only 2.5 kilos, it takes up a minimum of table space (20x25x3 centimeters), using a mouse and an IBM central processing unit.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

Propper warns economy headed toward recession: The economy is likely to deteriorate into a recession or instability similar to the crisis in Mexico, Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper said Monday. Speaking at a press conference, Propper warned the government of the hardships facing the manufacturing industry and

In an attempt to improve the situation, Propper said he is willing to discuss the problems and coordinate solutions with the government

### Mishkan lowers rate on mortgages by 0.4% **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

BANK Mishkan, Bank Hapoalim's mortgage bank, yesterday lowered its annual interest rates on mortgages by an average of 0.4 percent.

The remaining banks said they intend to wait until after Rosh Hashana before deciding whether to follow suit.

The banks are following developments in the bond market, which determine prices of long-term loans. Recently, there has been a rise in bonds and decline in bond yields. Bond yields determine the price of sources of financing for mortgage banks.

Mishkan's decision to reduce rates is the first time that interest rates have been lowered after several increases in the past half year.

The bank will charge an interest of 5.9% on 10- year loans and 6.3% on loans for more than 20 years. Following the reduction in rates, Mishkan is the lowest-priced bank in the system.



An Israel Electric Corporation worker and a local resident enjoy a waterfall created at Park Nahal Hadera, using heated water from the nearby Orot Rabin Power Station. The IEC facility is sending 16,000 cubic meters of water first used to cool down the facility directly to the park instead of back to the sea, thereby providing water for the waterfall, one of four scheduled to be (Assaf Shiloh/Israel Sun)

# **Brodet: At least two new groups** interested in buying Hapoalim

AT least two new consortia have AT least two new courses the expressed interest in acquiring the controlling sbares in Bank draw by the Claridge group, which also included Goldman Sachs and leaves only one bid tor general David Brodet confirmed yesterday.

Republic NY Corp. president Jeffrey Keil and the other is as yet

"There is some other interest, but I don't know if it is mature enough or not," Brodet said.

The Finance Ministry intends pushing ahead with the sale of the controlling interest "for the time being," said Brodet, despite the recent setback of the main bidding consortium, Claridge-Arison's

The August decision to with-

### **DAVID HARRIS**

George Soros, leaves only one bid on the table - that of the consor- Banking Law, which compels One is being lead by outgoing tium lead by Eliezer Fishman, banks to reduce their holdings in which also incorporates Bear Stearns and the US insurance group Reliance.

The Bank of Israel is currently considering the group's eligibility for the bid to control Israel's largest bank.

Keil, who leaves his current post at the end of the month, was unavailable for commeot last

Republic NY Corp. is part of the Safra group of companies, which owns First International Ltd.,

tions, which led to the new law, and therefore to a change the Israel's only privately owned terms of the tender, sent out negative messages to prospective purchasers of Bank Hapoalim and to As part of the newly revised foreign investors in general.

This suggestion was flatly "Mr. Sharansky, if he said this, is not familiar with all the details," Brodet said. "We did not change anything before the tender, and the Claridge group signed the contract in May with full knowledge. Maybe there is some misunder-

One of the US' largest investors in Israel said last month he doubts the change in conditions had any effect on Claridge-Arrison's decision to withdraw, "After all, if they hadn't sealed the deal after two-and-a-half years of negotiations, it's clear they were never

### IAI sells mine-locating equipment to Sweden

STEVE RODAN

SWEDEN has purchased an advanced radar system to locate mines from Israel Aircraft Industrics, company executives

said yesterday. Executives said the Swedisb Defense Ministry purchased the Ground Penetration Radar (GPR), produced by IAI subsidiary Elta, for use by Sweden's UN peacekeeping contingent. The radar can reportedly detect cooventional metal mines and those made of plastic in rough terrain. The GPR is based oo Elta's EL/M-2190 radar, whose system

is deployed on a special vehicle

operated by remote control.

The vehicle can be led into minefields and sustain an explo-

Abandoned mines are said to be

one of the most pressing problems in Third World countries.

### Local, US firms participate in TA's annual Security Exhibition

AROUND 100 local companies specializing in security equipment designated for the military, police and private sectors are participating in this year's Security Exhibition, which opened yesterday for the 10th straight year at the Tcl Aviv

For the first time, 12 American manufacturers of anti-terror and other security equipment are also participating in the three-day exhibition, as part of the agreement between the Israeli and US govern-

ments to combat terrorism. On the Israeli side, a large variety of items - ranging from alarms, anti-bugging equipment and bullet-proof vehicles to security fences and even surveillance video sun-

glasses - were on display.
Uriel Bin, director of D-fence. described two of the firm's security fences currently in use along the Green Line and in the Gaza District. The razor-mesh, made of needlesharp wire, looks like any other

trol room in municipality buildings, **RAINE MARCUS** 

fence. However, it consists of sharp spikes which act as a deterrent and will also "tear intruders to pieces," Bin said. "It was recently exected to upgrade existing alarms. along the Green Line, near the settlement of Bat Hefer."

Electronic applications can be added to the razor-mesh. Its second fence, recently built

along the border in Gaza, contains electronic sensors and electronic cameras, together with electric currents, which zap would-be infiltrators with a high voltage. STATE MONEY MATKETS The Audioguard company has

developed a sophisticated alarm system currently in use in 400 schools, in response to the controversy over security. "The main enemy of all facilities is false alarms," said director Moshe

Audioguard systems, be said, are equipped with both audio and visual appliances monitored from a con-

which are aimed at solving the problem of false alarms. An additional system manufactured by the company may be used

The TAR company has developed a series of covert surveillance projects, including sunglasses and a pen with hidden video cameras

The company itself developed the items and has recently embarked on a worldwide marketing campaign.

### \$750m. **Eurobonds** agreement signed

DAVID HARRIS

ISRAEL'S \$750 million first entry into the Eurobonds market was officially launched yesterday when the Finance Ministry and seven leading underwriters signed the final agreement.

After the Jerusalem ceremony, the primary underwriter, Merrill Lynch, said all the partners were confident that Israel's economy was now well capable of sustaining this type of venture.

"A slowdown [in growth] from six percent to 4% in real terms is hardly a recession," said the company's Chairman of Global Financial Institutions John

Heimann: The three-year deal is "yet another illustration of the very significant steps in advancing Israel's economy over the last six to seven years," said Finance Minister Dan Meridor. "Israel is now selling-its

economy and others are buying The first \$200m, will be raised in the fourth quarter, with the program running tmtil the end of 1998. It is important to end the program before 1999, the first year without the US loan guarantees, said accountant general Shai

He said he was confident of success, following last year's entry into the Yankee bonds market, which was three times oversub-

"We are under the impression that there is a deep, even deepening market oow for Israeb government securities, and it will be managed in such a way there will be sufficient demand," said Heimann.

Meridor took the opportunity to criticize media and economic experts, who suggested Israel's world credit rating would be dropped below its A ranking when the announcement was made earlier this week.

The reaffirmation of Israel's A status coupled, with yesterday's signing ceremony, show the strength of the Israeli economy, he

In addition to Merrill Lynch, the underwriters for the issue are Daiwa Europe Ltd., Deutsche Bank AG London, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International Ltd., Swiss Bank Corporation and UBS Limited.

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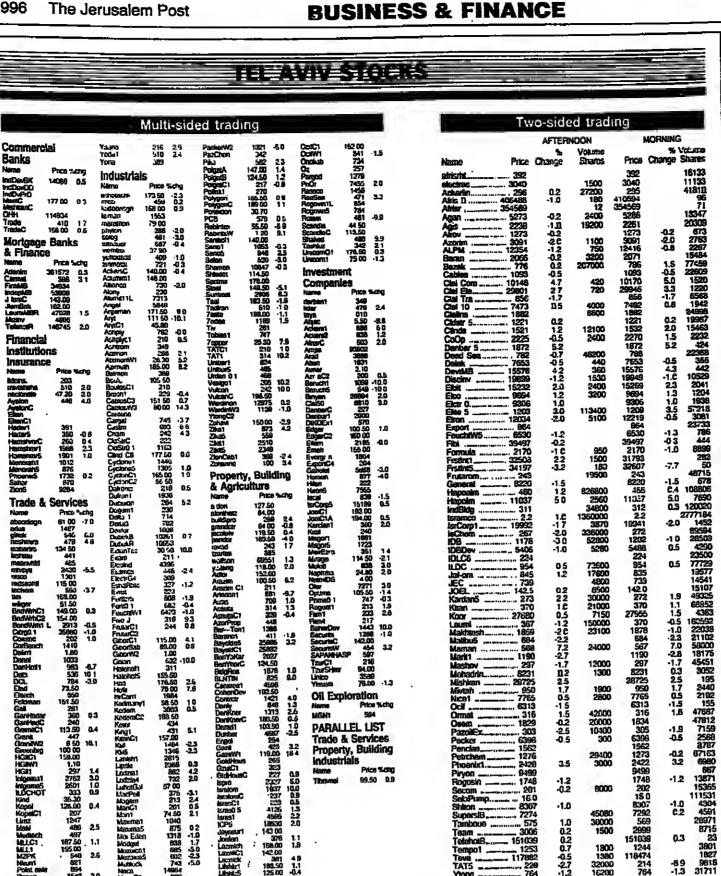
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# Shares drop, halt four-day rise

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STOCKS were little changed yesterday following four sessions of gains as chemical companies retreated after rising on Monday

amid news of a potential merger. Makhteshim Chemical Works fell two percent and Agan Chemical Manufacturers Ltd. dropped 0.25%. On Monday the companies rose after announcing they planned to merge and their shares would be replaced by shares in one holding company.

The merger "didn't seem to me like a good offer for shareholders," said Zvi Stepak, managing director of Tel Aviv investment firm Meitav Ltd. "They're going to get shares in a holding company, and holding companies generally trade at a discount. After [Monday's] gains investors are having second thoughts."

Other declining chemical shares included Israel Chemicals

which fell 2%, and Dead Sea Works Ltd., which decreased

The Maof Index dropped 0.23% to 199.11, and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.11% to 189.99. Of 984 shares trading across the exchange, more than twice as many shares rose as fell. The gen-

eral bond index rose 0.33%. Some NIS 71 million worth of shares changed bands, NIS 30.5m. below Monday's level and about NIS 10m. more than last month's average daily trading

Declines were offset by the most active share on the exchange. Maof index-listed Bank Hapoalim, which rose 1.25%

The bank rose amid news reports several new foreign investors are interested in buying a controlling interest in Bank Ha-

### Dollar romps, weak Dow blunts rallies

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - The dollar romped ahead against the mark vesterday and European bourses also prospered, with British blue chips breaking records, but share rallies were blunted by a weaker Wall Street start.

The dollar sneaked above the psychological 1.50 marks barrier in early European trade. It continued to firm as the day progressed and a wave of fund buying propelled its toward 1.51.

Once we moved beyond 1.50, it's momentum-driven," said Keld Holm, international economist at Lehman Brothers.

on July 16, when dollar/mark suffered its biggest one-day drop this year as New York share prices crashed.

The dollar also rallied to 1.2345 Swiss francs - up sharply from its 1.2157 close in Europe on Monday.

The dollar rally began on Monday after Bundesbank council member Ernst Welteke said there was room for further German interest rate cuts if M3 money supply growth continued to slow. His comment knocked the

mark across the board, and the dollar was further sourced overnight by Wall Street's strong Monday performance and a jump in Treasuries.

On the bourses, leading shares in London, Frankfurt and Paris all got an early leg-up by the overnight surge on the Dow. which posted its higgest one-day gain in over a month to close 1.3 percent up.

Im morning trading yesterday. London's blue-chip FTSE Index jumped more than 20 points to a record 3,933.6, surpassing its previous record of 3,922.1 set on August 28.

However, after a weaker start on Wall Street, it fell back sharply to close just below its record

closing high at 3,916.1, up just 5.3

Analysts said London's gains had also been beld in check by a lackluster performance by government bonds, overshadowed hy worries that Britain will cut interest rates further to stoke preelection growth regardless of the inflation risk.

In Frankfurt, German shares ended a lively floor trade session higher, with the 30-share DAX Index closing at 2,570.95 points, up 22.22. In later electronic trading, German shares fell back slightly under the influence of New York but dealers said the ever-strengthening dollar (which would make German goods cheaper for foreigners) and firm government bonds were continuing to provide support.

The same motors, plus gains in the French franc, propelled Paris shares, which started firmer and quickly strengthened. However, the main CAC-40 Index fell back after Wall Street's shaky start to finish just off the day's high, up 21.82 points, or 1.08%, at 2.042.12.

Stock and currency markets remained gripped by interest rate prospects following last Friday's US jobs data showing lower unemployment and stronger

US producer and consumer price data - due tomorrow and Friday - will be scrutinized for fresh signs of inflation pressures. Many traders and investors are betting on a rise of 0.25 percentage points in US interest rates when the Federal Open Market Committee next meets on September 24.

Opinions are mixed as to whether the central bank will decide this time to raise or leave interest rates unchanged, perhaps until after the November 5 presidential election.

### Blue-chip stocks end lower on profit-taking

WALL STREET REPORT

day on profit-taking after two after gaining a total of 127 points straight sessions of large gains, but an inflation warning by a senior central banker rekindled fears that the Federal Reserve may be ready to raise interest

Based on unofficial data, the

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue- Dow Jones industrial average chip stocks ended lower yester- ended off 6.66 points at 5,727.18 on Monday and Friday.

> In the broader market, declining issues led advances by a narrow margin on moderate volume of 373 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

### CHERENCY CROSS-RATES

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A LATE second-half penalty taken by Avi Nimni gave Maccabi Tel Aviv an excellent chance of advancing to the next round of the UEFA Cup despite a 3-2 loss to Tenerife of Spain in the Canary

Islands last night. Maccabi played as equals for the first half against the leaders of the Spanish first division before going down 1-0 in added time in the first half, following a goal scored form close range by Vivar

Tenerife looked like it would take control of the match in the second half when they scored a second goal on an excellent header by Salvador Kodro in the 56th

Maccabi regained its composure and five minutes later, Ofer Mizrahi hit a beautiful glancing header home from a cross by Yevgeny Kashnetsev.

Kashnetsev, in the heat of the game, got himself sent off for a rash foul a minute later and the Spaniards took full control of the match. Luis Pinilla made it 3-1 in the 66th minute, as Maccabi regrouped in defense. But a late surge by Maccabi in the dying minutes saw Nimni break free in the area where he was clearly brought down by the goalkeeper. He made no mistake taking the resulting penalty in the 88th minute to give the Tel Avivans an excellent chance of winning the tie in the return leg at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan in two

UEFA Cup, 1st-round, 1st-leg matches yesterday:

In Newcastle: Newcastle (England) 4, Halmstads (Sweden) 0 (2-0). Scorers: Les Ferdinand (6th), Faustino Asprilla (26th), Philippe Albert (51st), Peter Beardsley (54th).

In London: Arsenal (England) Borussia Moenchengladbach (Germany) 3 (0-1). Scorers: 'Arsenal – Paul Merson (54th), Ian Wright (89th); Borussia - Andrzej Juskowiak (36th), Steffan Effenberg (46th), Steffan Steffan Passlack (80th).

In Birmingham: Aston Villa (England) 1. Helsingborgs (Sweden) 1 (1-0). Scorers: Aston Villa - Tommy Johnson (14th); Helsingborgs - Peter Wibran (81st). Glass (57th), Darren Young (65th); Barry Town -Richard Jones (13th).

# Man United faces Juventus in European Champions League

Juventus and five former champions including archrivals AC Milan set out on the road to glory and riches when the European Cup Champions League gets set to kick off today.

Last season Juventus, who beat holders Ajax Amsterdam on penalties in the final in Rome, collected 18.15 million Swiss francs in prize money alone - not including associated revenue from increased gate receipts and lofty merchandising

Much of that money has gone into rebuilding the side with coach Marcello Lippi beginning the defense of Europe's premier club prize with a new strike force against English champions Manchester United today. Christian Vieri, a \$10m buy from Atalanta, and

Alen Boksic, who signed from Lazio, have taken over from Fabrizio Ravanelli and Gianlucca Vialli. Manchester United has now won the Premier League title three times in the last four seasons including the League-Cup double twice in three years and manager Alex Ferguson's desire now is to recap-

ture the European Cup for the club. He has also invested heavily with Dutchman Jordi Cruyff and Czech Karel Poborsky among his summer

signings.

While United is looking for a repeat of its solitary
European Cup crown in 1968, AC Milan is eager to capture the Cup for a sixth time to equal Real Madrid's 30-year-old record.

New Uruguayan coach Oscar Tabarez has expressed caution before his injury-depleted side plays 1987 European champions Porto in its opening ch, but he has also spent the summer re-shaping his squad after it lifted the Italian title for the 15th

Dutchman Edgar Davids and Michael Reiziger

TURIN (Reuter) - Reigning European soccer kings have swapped the red and white of Ajax for the red and black of Milan along with Christian Dugarry from Bordeaux. Milan is many people's favorite for the title it has previously won in 1963, 1969, 1989, 1990 and 1994 and it should get away to a winning start against Porto today.

Ajax, who beat Milan in the 1995 European Cup final and lost its crown to Juventus in May, has made a wretched start to the new Dutch season and is already eight points adrift of league leaders PSV

Ajax seems to have only a slim chance of reaching a third successive European final but its European experience should help it make a winning start at Auxerre against French champions taking part in the European Cup for the first time. The sixth club to have lifted the European Cup is

Romania's Steaua Bucharest, champions in 1986, who will have more than just Atletico Madrid's players to worry about in Spain.

The match in the Vicente Calderon Stadium will be the first played on the pitch there since an invasion of worms at the ground in August.

On Monday American experts were still supervising the installation of new turf laid over the old grass, a job hampered by heavy rain that fell in the Spanish capital over the weekend. It will be Atletico's first European Cup match for 20 years and they will not want Steams to wriggle away with a point.

Scottish champions Rangers, who like to regard themselves as among Europe's elite but who have had little tangible success in Europe since winning the Cup Winners' Cup in 1972, will be looking to improve on last season's record when they failed to win a match in the Champions League.

They travel to Swiss champions Grasshoppers

## Graham returns from exile to land top job with Leeds

LONDON (Reuter) - George Graham returned from disgrace and a 19-month exile from soccer yesterday to take over at Leeds United, resuming his career as one of the most successful modern managers in Britain.

The 51-year-old Scot, banned from the sport last year for 12 months for accepting illegal payments over transfer deals, was named by Leeds as manager 24 hours after the sacking of Howard

Wilkinson. Graham, whose new team lost 4-0 at home to Manchester United oo Saturday, precipitating Wilkinson's departure after eight years in charge, showed he had big ambitions for the north England team.

"I think we can join the giants of football today," he told a news conference. "I have a chance to stamp my ideas on the elub and the players and bring in oew fans of arch-rivals in north team.

takes to change things round.

Graham won six trophies in his reign as manager of Arsenal between 1986 and 1995 - the championship and league cup twice and the FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup once each. Arsenal sacked him in February

last year for accepting illegal payments from an agent in two transfer deals and he was later banned from soccer for a year by the Football Association. On the face of it, Graham looks

ideally suited to Leeds, a club which has never rid itself of a 30year-old image for seeking success through ruthless efficiency rather than hy spectacular play or.

Graham's trophy-winning sides always carried the same reputation and the "Boring Arsenal" jibes were not leveled at them just by

London Tottenham Hotspur. Graham has long been something of a soccer contradiction. As an elegant but somewhat languid attacking midfield player, he won

caps for Scotland, He may have detested training

as a player but as a manager he rapidly became known as a strict disciplinarian who insisted on the qualities of running and hard work above all else.

Graham turned down the chance to resurrect first division Manchester City last month after it parted company with Alan Ball. and has made it clear he has accepted Leeds because it has money he can use to rebuild the

# Local hoops season opens as players' strike is averted

AFTER finally overcoming a threatened players' strike and other obstacles that looked like they might delay the opening of play, the National Baskethall League season gets underway

tonight with five contests. Hapoel Jerusalem hosts Hapoel Eilat tomorrow night in the final game of the opening round of games, in a clash of two teams with their sights on second place.

That's about all anyone can dream of this year, as Maccabi Tel Aviv appears to be too strong an opponent for any of the other ams in the league. The defending champs open their season on the road at Bnei Herzliya tonight, where they'll be tested by Muli Katzurin's tough two foreigners, Todd Mitchell and Terence

The Maccabeans, however, are likely to win handily, especially if Herzliya's Lior Arditi, Ofer Fleischer and Amir Mukhtari still have oot signed their contracts. Hapoel Galil Elyon hosts newcomer Maccabi Ra'anana, while ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Hapoel Holon is at home vs. Maccabi Ramat Gan. Hapoel Safed - which is without foreigner Andre Spencer who wants more money, and which replaced Melvin Neubern, whom they apparently had no intention of signing, with Tyrone Mays - is on the road for a tough opener vs. Maccabi Rishon Lezion. Hapoel Tel Aviv is at home vs. the league's other newcomer, M.M.

Just which team - Maccabi Ramat Gan or Maccabi Jerusalem - will be playing in the National League was still being decided last night. A five-member league panel was hearing the case of Maccabi Jerusalem, who was earlier demoted after failing to provide necessary guarantees that it could meet its budget. However the panel rules, either Jerusalem or Ramat Gan could appeal the decision and thereby possibly delay tonight's scheduled game vs.

Givat Shmuel.

The threat of a players' strike was averted earlier this week when the league officials and players union representatives signed an agreement, according to which players designated "club players" will belong to the team unless it decides to sell their services. A disaffected player could also reach an agreement with his team to buy back his player's card.

The agreement makes it easier for teams to hold onto players who have grown up with the club, and whom they wish to keep.

While the regular season gets underway, State Cup play has already taken place, with the following second round maich-ups set for October 23 and November 3: Maccabi Tel Aviv-Hapoel Eilar; Hapoel Galil Elyon-Maccabi Rishon Lezion; Hapoel Jerusalem-Maccabi Ra'anana; Hapoel Tel Aviv-Hapoel Holon: Hapoel Haifa-Maccahi Kiryat Motzkin: Elitzur Rishon Lezion-Maccabi Kiryat Gat; Bnei Herzliya-Maccabi Karmiel; Maccabi Ramat Gan-Maccahi Netanya.



HOT PURSUIT - Eagles LB James Willis chases Packer QB Brett Favre out of the pocket in sec-

### Pack routs Eagles behind Favre

GREEN BAY (AP) - Green Bay

Brooks caught five passes for grabbed Favre's pass in the flat
Packers rapper-receiver Robert 130 yards and two touchdowns as and rumbled his way into the eod Packers rapper-receiver Robert Brooks followed his own advice Clinton his debut CD titled "Jump 39-13 in the first Monday Night Into The Stands.

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the Packers routed the dazed and one week after giving President outmatched Philadelphia Eagles utes left in the third period. Football game at Lambeau Field in 10 years.

Brooks vaulted himself into the end zone seats packed with delirious denizens decked in green and gold after TD receptions of 25 and 20 yards from Brett Favre, who overcame a rough start to throw three touchdowns.

Dorsey Levens even got into the act, doing his version of the Lambeau Leap after a 1-yard touchdown ruo in the second quarter.

A Lambeau Field record crowd of 60,666 watched their Packers go 2-0 for the first time since the strike-shortened 1982 season, when they won their first three. Philadelphia fell to 1-1.

Brooks had four eatenes for 116 yards in the first half as the Packers built an astonishing 30-7 lead at halftime agaiost an Eagles team that thinks it can unseat Dallas as ruler of the NFC

Edgar Bennett gained 93 yards on 17 carries and also scored on a 25-yard reception when he

and rumbled his way into the eod zone for a 37-7 lead with six min-The blowout capped an exhila-

rating week in Green Bay, which began with President Clinton visiting the Packers at Lambeau Field on Labor Day.

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In two weeks, Favre, who was 17-of-31 for 261 yards, has seven touchdowns and oo interceptions as the Packers have outscored their opponents 73-16.

But it was the Packers' defense that really spoiled the return of Philadelphia coach Ray Rhodes. who served as defeosive coordinator in Greco Bay from 1992-

The Packers, who had just 16 takeaways last season, already have 10, including four in the first half Monday oight that Green Bay converted into 13 points.

Former Eagles defensive end Reggie White and Santana Dotson dropped Rodney Peete in the eod zone for a safety with 11:06 left. Peete completed 10 of 25 passes for 142 yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions.

Charlie Garner's 1-yard TD run with 30 seconds left made it 37-

### NFL's oldest surviving member dies at 97

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) -Arda Bowser, the last surviving member of the NFL's first championship team and the league's oldest ex-player, died of congestive heart failure. He was

Bowser played with the Canton Bulldogs' 1922 championship team. A panter, placekicker, linebacker and fullback, Bowser also was the first NFL player to use kicking tees, which he fashioned from wood. He also contributed the first steel-plated

kicking shoe.

first NFL championship with a 10-0-2 record. Bowser scored two touchdowns and returned a kickoff 90 yards in a 38-0 victory over the Louisville Brecks. Bowser also played for the Frankford Yellow Jackets of Philadelphia,

The 1922 Bulldogs won the

He played only four years in the pros, because his full-time employer, White Motor Co., made him quit. He was a college star and was inducted into Bucknell's Football Hall of

### Israeli takes 2nd in 400m run ISRAEL1 sprinter Orit Kolodny finished second in the 400-meter nm in

the Solidarity Games yesterday in Sarajevo. Kolodny finished in 53.97 seconds, .37 secs behind the winner Olabishi Afulabi from Nigeria. Kolodny's time is 32 slower than the national mark.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AIZENSTADT THE Friday morning chamber-music concert series featuring new immigrant musicians at the Ticho House annex of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, opens this Friday at 11 with cellist Kiril Michanovsky and pianist Natasha Gnatovsky playing sonatas by Bach, Shostakovich, Yablonsky and Tansman. Entrance is NIS 20.

### THEATER

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LOCAL movie star Sharon Alexander has come back to the stage as Tom, one half of a divorced couple in My Eternal Former Wife, a comedy by French playwright Josiane Belasco. Tom and his ex-wife Frankie (Dorit Nitai) have had to come to grips with reality. Instead of deathless literature. he writes soft porn. She paints apartments, not post-modern masterpieces. One day she turns up on his doorstep, pregnant. Well! Avi Hadash and Maya Bar-Shalom add their bit

### FILM

and director Jack Messenger has blithely orchestrated the ensuing disas-

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\*\*\*\* BUTTERFLY KISS - With her pinched rasp, hunted gaze and the long, low stride of a gawky teenage boy, Amanda Plummer's screen presence has always been bizarre. But in English director Michael Winterbottom's harshly poignant black comedy, she pushes her usual weirdness to a new extreme. For the role of Eunice, a bisexual dominatrix and casual serial killer, she wears 17 tattoos under her blouse, as well as navel and nipple piercings and a crisscrossed set of full-body padlocks and bike chains.

Written by Frank Cottrell Boyce, the movie is unquestionably raw, but it's also a work of real honesty and unexpected pathos. Equal parts road movie, existential fable and darkly bumorous love story, Butterfly Kiss is one of the most original movies of the year, and it's well worth the difficult viewing. Also with Saskia Reeves, whose patient, anguished performance as Eunice's thoughtful lover, Miriam, gives the film its plaintive emotional pitch. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles.



**CRITIC'S CHOICE** 

Seriously weird: Amanda Plummer in the movie 'Butterfly Kiss.'

Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

\*\*\* HEAVEN'S PRISONERS - In Phil Joanou's moody thriller, Alec Baldwin plays a former New Orleans cop who finds himself back in action when he and his long-legged, sympathetic wife (Kelly Lynch) witness the crash of a plane in the bayou near their home. They pull a little girl, the only survivor, from the wreckage and decide to call her their own, a move which leads, rather inevitably, to a string of mysterious, violent occur-

While there is a certain strained suspension of disbelief involved in a plot like this one, which requires of the hero that he both exude wry intelligence and act quite foolishly, strutting headlong into all sorts of life-threatening situations, Baldwin makes it all come alive and seem thoroughly plausible. In his hands, the illogic of a script becomes the irrationality of a character, a far more compelling prospect. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly advised.)



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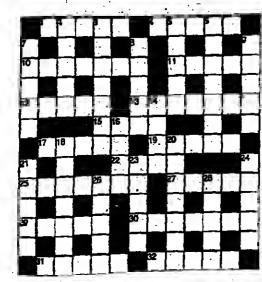
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8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Jamasca Inn – a ruffless gang is led by a Victorien nobleman 16:05 The A-Team 16:55 Family Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 18:35 Day and Date 16:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight 20:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 20:25 Evening Shade 20:50 Bob Newhart 21:15 The Bounty – nue-to-life account of the infamous multiny on the Bounty, starring Mel Gibson and Anthony Hopians 22:15 Word Music It's Time 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quentum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quentum Shopping 3:00 TV

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15:30 Butterfly Island 16:00 Pitter of Fire 17:00 Homeland 17:35 World of Wonder 18:00 Welcome to France 18:30 Communicating with children 19:00 Faces of Culture 19:30 All in the Family —repeat of popular local comedy series with Russian subtitles 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles 20:00 Besic Arabic 21:00 Star Trek — The Niext Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Zombit 22:30 Pure Music

IN FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

6:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 8:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perta Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dalias (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Sweet Justice 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dalias 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perta Negra 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Six Stalings 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Melrose Place 00:30 Models Inc. 1:20 Hill Street Blues

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:00 Hester Street (1975) (rpt) 13:05 Impact (1948) — A cheating woman and her lover plan to leit her weethy husband, but they soon discover complications and cracks in their plot. With Brien Donleys, Ella Raines, Neien Walter and Charles Cobum, (110 mins.) 15:00 Back Home (1990) — a British girl sent to the US during World War II has difficulty acdimetizing when she returns to England (rpt) 16:45 Raining Stones (1993) (rpt) 18:20 The Brother from Another Planet (1984) — A black slave from another planet arrives in Harlem, where he suffers culture shock and fights drug dealers. Directed by John Sayles. (107 mins.) 20:15 Catch Me If You Can (1989) — a young racing chiver sets out to ress money to save a school about to close down, while faced with a nuthless opponent (94 mins.) 22:00 The Face (1995) — scarfaced Emily trusts Alec, who loves her, and finds herself in jall for g crime he committed. After plastic surgery, she sets out to get revenge. With surgery, she sets out to get revenge. With

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6:30 Cartoons 9:05 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol 9:30 VR Troopers 9:55 Little University – In the Past 10:25 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper 10:35 Saved by the Bell 71:20 Rocko's Modern Life 11:30 Max Glick 12:00 Chiquithas 12:45 The Chipmunite 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 Little Dracula 14:05 Binky Bill 14:35 Simba King of the Jungle 15:00 VR Troopers 15:25 Little University – Inventors 16:00 Welcome Freshmen 16:25 Saved by the Bell 18:45 Rocko's Middem Life 17:30 Chipman 17:30 Chipman 18:15 Popcomia 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 18:00 Lagend of the North Wind 18:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jack 21:30 Look Who's Talking

### R SECOND SHOWING (8)

22:00 Sens Un Cri (1992, French) - a work-ing-class couple, hoping that life will get bet-ter with the birth of their first child, must zer with a relationship of silence, loneli-ress and pain. Directed by Jean Lebrum (82 mins.) 23:25 Cartouche (1964, French) — The adventures of a legendary character who becomes King of the Beggars in 18th century Paris. With Jean-Paul Belmondo and Claudia Cardinele. Directed by Philipe de Broca. (110 mins.)

### M DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (pt) 13:00 Messengers from Moscow (pt) 14:00 Open University 18:00 National Geographic Explorer (pt) 17:00 Messengers from Moscow (pt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 The Wild South 21:00 Cousteau 22:05 Receiving Prosperity 20:05 The Wild South (pt) 00:00 Open University

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6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 18:00 Wall Street Moming Report 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 PGA Golf 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leng 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News

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8:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 18:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 English League Soccet; Sheffield vs Laicester 18:00 Special preview of the League of Champions (pp) 18:45 Beach Volleyball 19:30 to be announced 20:30 Karate 21:15

Soccer: League of Champions, Juventes vs Manchester United - live 00:00 Boxing

**EUROSPORT** 

9:30 Cycling from Spain (rpt) 11:00 Car Razing: Indycar Montarey Grand Prix (rpt) 12:30 Soccer: UEFA Cup, first round (rpt) 15:00 Water Skiing: US pro lour 15:30 Recreational Sports Magazine 16:00 Cycling – live from Spain 17:30 Soccer: UEFA Cup, first round (rpt) 19:00 Motor Sports Magazine 20:00 Formula 1 Magazine 21:00 Body Bullding: World Champloriships. Germany 22:00 Heavyweight Boxing 23:00 Sports Magazine 00:00 Four Wheeled Vehicles – races from Iceland (rpt) 00:30 Formula 1 Magazine 1:00 ATP Tennis 1:30 Cycling from Spain (rpt) 2:00 Pro Wrestling

### REPRIME SPORTS

8:00 Soccer: Tiger Cup 8:30 Indian Sport 7:30 Bachrinton: Indianapolis Open 11:30 Spanish League Soccer 12:00 Indian Sport 13:00 Baach Volleyball 14:00 Classic Soccer Games 16:00 Soccer: Tiger Cup, Indonesia vs Vietnam 18:00 Boxing 20:00 Got: The European tour 21:00 Cricket: English Sunday League 2:00 Asian Sports Show

### M BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:05 Famborough Aerial Show 10:05 Hortzon (rpt) 11:30 The Travel Show (rpt) 12:30 Building Sights 15:15 Panorama (rpt) 18:15 World-Business Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 Airport (rpt) 18:05 International Report The United States (rpt) 19:30 Jerenry Claritee United States (rpt) 19:30 Jerenry Claritee United States (rpt) 20:00 World Report 22:05 White Heat 23:30 The Fat Man in France – cooking 00:00 World Susiness Report

### RADIO

M VOICE OF MUSIC

8:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Beethoven: Piano sonata no 21 in C op 53 "Maldstein" (Arrau); Mendelssohn: Piano trio in 0 minor op 49; Mozart: Violin concerto no 4; Brahms: Symphony no 1; Stravinsky: Symphony in C; Schumann: 3 Romanoss for obce and piano op 94 (Holiger, Brendel). 12:00 Light Classical – Bertioz: Romeo and Juliet overture; Liszt: Piano concerto no 2; Wagner. Tannhauser overture 13:00 Sertan Kovacevich, piano – Brahms: Piano concerto no 2; Mozart: Andante and variations in G for piano 4 hands KSO1 (with Argerich). 14:06 Summer Days: 15:00 Keys: 16:00. Kodaly; Choral songs, Joachim: Violin concerto op 17 "Hungarian;" Brahms: Hungartan Dances for piano 4 hands 18:00 Arvo Part: Fratres for strings and percussion; Walton: Vola concerto: Bruckner. Seatet in F for strings; Mozart: Ctarinet concerto in A K622 20:05 (1) Mozart: Symphony no 31 (JSO/Shallon). (2) International Orchestra cond. Yoel Levi: Totaliousky: Symphony no 5; Stravinsky: Title of Spring. (3) Sounds from Ein Kerem – Avigali Arnheim (clarinet), Shrmuel Magen (cello), Irit. Rob-Levi (plano), Words by Brahms: Sonata in E flat for clarinet and orch op 120/2; Sonata no 1 in E minor for clarinet, cello and plano op 38; Trio in A minor for clarinet, cello and plano op 0, 14: 42:00 Golden: Generation — Beethoven's piano and violin sonatas. Sonata no 3 in E flat, Sonata no 10 in G flet op 96 (Arrau/Sziget; Bach: Gevotte from Partita no 3 in E (Szigeti)

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# Ben-Yair bashes 'irresponsible, lazy media'

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair lambasted the press at a seminar for jurists in Zichron Ya'acov yesterday, saying it is frequently irresponsible, unethical

and lazy.

Ben-Yair opened his remarks by stressing the crucial importance of the press in a free society, which amply justifies the special freedoms the press enjoys. But at the same time, he noted, the media has tremendous power to set the public agenda - not only via columns and editorials, but also via its choice of what to cover and how prominently to play each

"I believe that every sector of Israeli society, irrespective of its world-view, has internalized the values of freedom of expression and freedom of the press," he said. "But it seems at times as if the press itself has not sufficiently internalized the recognition that its important role in society entails not only rights, but also obliga-tions – professional, moral, ethical

Ben-Yair cited several sections from the Israel Journalists Association's code of ethies, such as the obligation to refrain from printing inaccurate or misleading information, the obligation to check facts before printing a story. and the obligation to quote accu-

"If many of us are smiling now, it is certainly due to our memory of journalistic work which was far from meeting these criteria," he

While such lapses often stem from "superficiality, negligence or haste," he continued, the press also frequently allows itself to he manipulated by the government and other official bodies: Reporters are flooded with press releases and briefings, and they often take the easy way out by just publicizing these, sometimes without even checking the facts. But even if the facts are correct, he added, it is not clear that what

the spokesmen publicize are really the most important stories.

The injury to the public [caused by such behavior] is not only due to the fact that the presentation of information is slanted according to the desires of an interested party," he said. "The danger... is that the press is being transformed from a body which investigates and exposes into a public relations agency. The mutual convenience of the reporter and the spokesman comes at the expense of the public's right to know.

Still another problem is the media's increasing sensational-ism, Ben-Yair said, noting that while this is especially true of television, print journalism is not

Two extensions of this quest for sensationalism are the wide coverage often given to fanatic fringe groups and the media's handling of terror attacks, he continued.

Ben-Yair stressed that he did oot favor addressing any of these problems via legislation; they are problems that must be handled by the journalistic community

In fact, be said, the one law he does advocate enacting is a Basic Law: Freedom of Expression, which would give constitutional status to freedom of the press, as well as to the right to speak, write, organize and demonstrate. De facto, he said, freedom of expression already has constitutional status, since the Supreme Court has ruled that it is implied by the Basie Law: Human Dignity and Freedom. However, he said, it should also be given de jure status, as it is in most other democra-

Because of the importance of freedom of the press, Ben-Yair said, he also opposes applying the rules of "public law" - such as the requirements of fairness, reasonableness and non-politicization - to privately-owned

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**NEWS** 

Suleiman Abeid is brought to the Supreme Court for his appeal hearing yesterday.

## Supreme Court hears appeal of Hanit Kikos's murderer

THERE is no evidence except his own confession to connect Suleiman Abeid with the rape and murder of Hanit Kikos, and an unsupported confession is not sufficient for a conviction, Abeid's attorney, Avidgor Feldman, argued to the Supreme Court yesterday at the opening session of Abeid's appeal.

Abeid was initially convicted of Kikos's June 1993 murder by the Beersheba District Court in November 1994, largely on the strength of his confession, even though Kikos's body had not been found. According to this confession, he buried the body in the Duda'im dump, where he worked

where he worked. In June 1995, Kikos's body was finally found in a drainage ditch some distance from Duda'im, and the Supreme Court ruled that this was a significant piece of new evidence, which merited a retrial. This past February, however, the district court reconvicted him in a split decision, and Abeid then appealed to the Supreme Court.

There is no evidence... to support a single statement, a single fact in the appellant's confession," Feldman argued yesterday.

He noted that while several witnesses saw Kikos looking for a ride, no one saw Abeid or dating an Arab. Furthermore, Abeid did not

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his car in the vicinity; no physical evidence of Kikos's presence in his car was found; and no evidence was found in the copse where the rape allegedly took place. Most importantly, Abeid's statement that he buried Kikos at Duda'im is demonstrably false - yet he "reenacted" the entire murder for the police as if he really had killed and buried her there. If he was willing to volunteer a false re-enactment of the crime, Feldman demanded, how can his confession he believed?

Abeid did know that Kikos smoked, that she carried a bag, and that she was not a virgin. However, Feldman argued that these facts were also known to the police, and Aheid merely agreed to them, rather than volunteering them. It is significant, he said, that none of the information Aheid actually volunteered was true: For instance, he described the 17-year-old as being 30 or 40; and he said she was on her way to Beersheba to visit her parents (she was actually going to see her boyfriend), and that she had quarreled with her parents because she was

even know whether she was wearing pants or a dress - one fact any rapist would surely know, Feldman said.

However, Justices Shlomo Levine, Eliezer Goldberg and Ya'akov Kedmi appeared unconvinced by Feldman's arguments. In particular, the justices noted, one witness saw Abeid at the Duda'im site at 10 p.m., the night of the murder - an hour when he would not normally he there. Abeid never provided an explanation for his presence, and in fact, lied about having been there, they said.

Feldman responded, bowever, that the night-time visit to Dudaim was irrelevant if Kikos

was never there, and the only evidence connecting her to the site was Abeid's false claim to have buried her there.

Rafi Kikos, Hanit's father, said afterwards that he was still not convinced Abeid had really murdered his daughter.

"I want to see facts, I want to see proof... but so far, I haven't seen any proof," he said. "But I believe in the Supreme Court, that in the end the truth will out."

The appeal will continue today with the prosecution's response to Feldman's arguments.

AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards and numbers IN yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the king of spades, the nine of bearts, the queen of diamonds and

the nine of clubs. In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 11, 21, 23, 27, 35 and 41, and the additional number was 15.

### Spanish monks get the goods on Israeli manuscript thieves

MADRID (AP) - The monks of Santa Maria of Montserrat won't be fooled twice.

In July, five Israelis visited the library at the 11th century Benedictine monastery, which six atop a red sandstone mountain outside Barcelona. A few days later, librarians noticed that nine valuable manuscripts - hundreds of years old, written in Hebrew and Arabic - were missing.

On September 2, the Israelis returned to the library. The monks called the police.

Police searched the Israelis when they left the monastery. One man, shoemaker Abraham Asur, had three manuscripts under his shirt, one in his briefcase and a tiny rare book in the pocket of his well-pressed suit, said Barcelona Civil Guard spokesman Pedro Pizarro.

Police returned the four manuscripts and the book to the monastery.

The other nine manuscripts are still missing.

Asur, 37, was charged Monday with theft and freed on 2 million peseta (\$16,000) bail. He was helieved to have returned to Tel Aviv but could be extradited to Spain as early as oext month, police said. If convicted, he could be sentenced to three years in .

### New head of Golan group praises PM

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**4 ONE-DAY TRIPS** THE Golan Residents Committee yesterday expressed its full support for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's stance of pursuing peace with Syria while retaining Israeli sovereignty over the Golan. "We who live near the border Spend a day away-from-it-all on one of Shorashim's entertaining and enlightening English speaking trips. You'll meet your sort of people, visit off-the-beaten-track places and hear interesting and informative explanations from expert guides.

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neer who helped develop the Wind Energy project on the Golan and is a veteran resident of Katzrin, was elected to replace former chairman Eli Malka, who resigned after joining the Third Way.

The residents committee vesterday issued a statement backing comments made by Netanyahu regarding the future of the Golan during his visit to the US.

Zeira said that the residents committee was "more than satisfied" with the government's stance, especially compared to what he described as the dark days of the previous government.
The GRC issued another state-

ment yesterday welcoming MK Ehud Barak's decision to seek the leadership of the Labor party and "bring it back to the center" of Israeli politics.

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

PA security head to meet with chief rabbis Gen. Nasser Yusuf, the Palestinian Authority's head of public security, is to meet with the chief rabbis next Tuesday at Hechal Shlomo in Ierusalem. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, who speaks Arabic, intends to converse with Yusuf in that language. The Chief Rabbinate said that Yusuf had asked for the meeting to wish the chief rabbis a happy New Year.

Six people get organ transplants Six people received organ transplants at three different hospitals yesterday. The organs all came from one man whose family decided to allow the donations. A 57-year-old Tel Aviv woman received a lung at Tel Hashomer's Sbeba Hospital, and the other lung was transplanted in a 48-year-old man at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. A heart, liver and two kidneys were transplanted

into four patients at Petah Tikva's Beilinson Hospital.

Body of Israeli on 'Mineral Dampier' identified One of the bodies found during the recent search of the ship Mineral Dampiere was identified in Scoul yesterday as that of steward Yehuda Hazan, the Transport Ministry announced.

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